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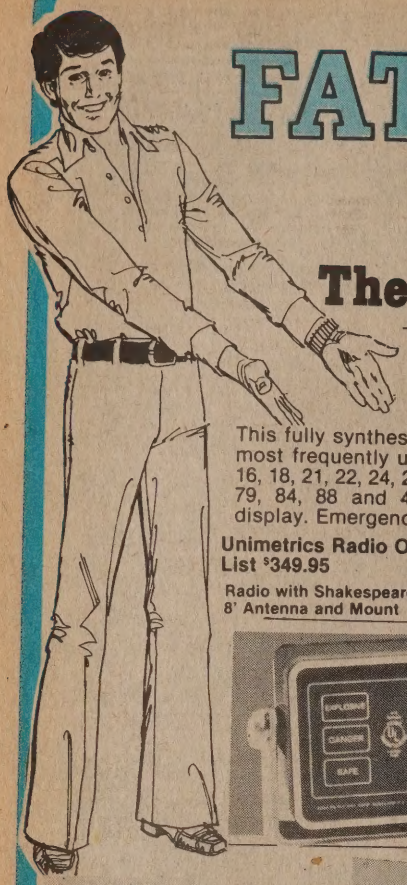

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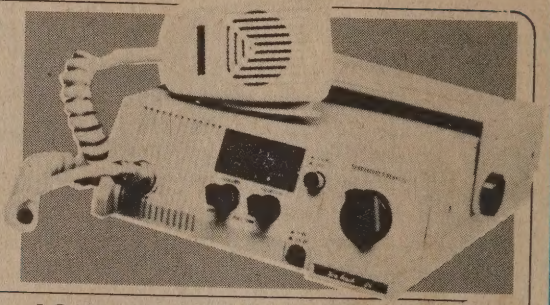

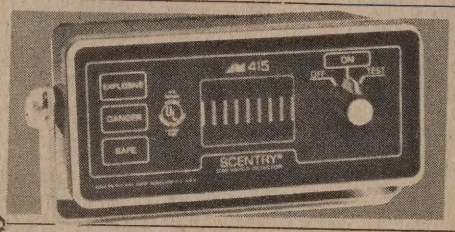

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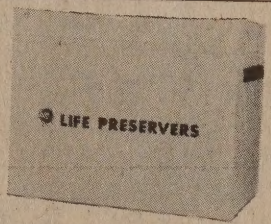

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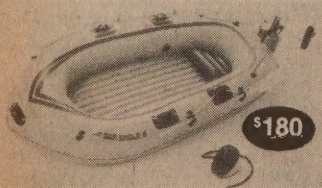

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EDITORIAL

STRIPED BASS LEGISLATION NEARS PASSAGE INTO LAW: WRITE LETTERS TODAY!

Before we begin with the substance of this editorial, we must point out that production deadlines require that we prepare this editorial well in advance. Therefore, we cannot be sure as of the date this is written, when the bill will clear the Assembly and the Senate. However, we have discussed this legislation with Assemblymen and Senators, as well as other sport fishing organizations that support the legislation. The best information we have is that this bill (Assembly Bill A-6469) will pass both houses (equivalent bill in the Senate with different number) sometime in early June. We have been further informed that several minor changes may be made in the bill to facilitate its passage, but that no changes will be made without the approval of the sport fishing organizations that have been working hard for successful passage. Thus, regardless of the changes that may occur, we feel comfortable in this editorial because we know that these groups will not support changes that could destroy the intent of the legislation. However, without foresight it is important for us to point out that tampering with an already diminished closed season would be enough to cause us to withdraw our support.

A little history might prove useful to the reader. The passage of this legislation in New York State represents the culmination of about four years of hard work and debate that began with the creation of the State/Federal striped bass management effort. This interstate effort made recommendations to the states urging that these recommendations be adopted, but recognizing that each state has unique considerations that might cause the exact legislation passed in each state to differ somewhat from the laws of its neighbors. However, the interstate recommendations urged that basic considerations about size limits and closed seasons as well as special restrictions of spawning grounds be adhered to. Last year, **The Long Island Fisherman** and Mr. Fred Schwab, New York's representative to the State/Federal project went to Albany for two days of intense lobbying for the striped bass management plan and the Parks Bill. It now appears that the Parks Bill will not pass this year. We found legislators very wary of striped bass legislation last year as well. It was an election year and few legislators were willing to consider the bill, feeling it was too much of a hot potato. We decided that our best effort was to inform and educate as many of the legislators as we could. Information and education pave the way for future action.

This year, S.O.S. garnered the support of the major sport fishing organizations in the New York Metropolitan Area, secured a sincere and hard-working sponsor in the Assembly (Mr. Halpin), and has succeeded in moving the legislation along. (NOTE: We have been pleased that the DEC has vigorously supported this management legislation. DEC support is intelligent, timely and courageous. It represents a much needed and significant change in policy towards recreational fishing. You may want to drop a note to DEC Coastal Resources Director, Mr. Gordon Colvin, expressing your support for their position.) We have reason to believe that the bill will clear the Assembly after some debate in early June.

The apparent success of this sport fishing effort is a tribute to the influence we can gather to ourselves when we all work hard together. We tip our hats to S.O.S., the organization that has been attempting to secure management in New York State for well over a decade. We have all learned a valuable lesson from their decade of commitment. That is, pass legislation to manage a species before it is in trouble. S.O.S. tried to tell this to the world in the early 1970s, but few listened, including LIF, because the coastal sea was glutted with bass from the 1970 year class. Only a fool makes the same mistake twice and we do not think of ourselves as foolish. That's why we have been pushing so hard for a management plan for bluefish now, while the stocks are in good shape, recognizing that a steep decline is a very real possibility.

The major aim of any good management plan should be to maintain stocks at high levels and spread out major year classes for as long as possible. The major aim of this striped bass management effort, regrettably, has to be to structure harvest to allow the stocks to rebound. Rebounding is a less desirable vantage point from which to implement a plan. Thus, let us remember to actively seek management of finfish prior to decline—from the vantage of foresight and not the regret of hindsight.

Credibility and responsible journalism have always been a priority of The

Long Island Fisherman. Regrettably, not all spokesmen for the recreational fishing community are as careful in gathering their facts or as responsible in presenting them to officials and other interested parties. It is always easy to fuel the fires under those who might be discontented rather than inform them of the need for their sacrifices.

We recognize that some recreational fishermen rarely, if ever, catch a striped bass over 24 inches—especially in these times of low stock levels. Obviously, these anglers are concerned that a substantial increase in the minimum size of striped bass might affect the quality of their fishing. First, be it closed season or size limit, recreational fishermen are not barred from catching striped bass—only keeping them. Thus, sport fishermen can have their sport regardless of season or size. However, we must carefully return these fish to the water. Second, although the Hudson River stock is nearby and may contribute up to 15 percent of the coastal stock, only anglers in western sectors are significantly affected by this stock and, furthermore, most of the time the Hudson stock contribute only about seven percent to the migrating coastal stock.

Clearly, the Chesapeake Bay is the main source of migrating fish and we must manage this stock along the entire extent of its range if we are to permit the stocks to recover from very low levels. Some have said that larger size limits aren't important because the fish spawn at 16 inches. The following comes from the scientific and informed citizens sector concerned with striped bass. This information is on record for anyone to examine for themselves. Large numbers of Chesapeake males appear to mature during their second and third years or about 12 inches. Only about ten percent of the migrating stocks consist of males, however. Most males stay in the Chesapeake Bay complex. For females, the picture is very different. It is possible for a very few females to spawn at 16 inches, but the percentage of successful female spawners at this size is very, very small. During their fourth year (about 18-20 inches), 25 percent of the females are capable of spawning. In their fifth year about 50 percent of females are capable of spawning, and in their sixth year, or about 26 or 27 inches, 95 percent of females are capable of spawning.

So you see from the above account how important a larger size limit is for the vitality of the species. Such a criterion might be less important if the stocks were in very good shape. However, the stock is dangerously low and this requires that we manage the species in such a way that allows for more females to spawn prior to harvest. You see now how important it is for us to accept that, for a few years anyway, we'll not be able to keep smaller striped bass: we can still catch them, but we won't be able to keep them if this legislation passes. However, if the management of striped bass is successful—and we have every reason to believe that it will be, based upon prior experience with many other species—then there will be many more bass for us to catch in the few short years ahead.

Managing a species before it is in trouble affords us the luxury of management without sacrifice. Hopefully, such will be the case with blues. We've missed a golden opportunity to manage weakfish and it looks like most of us will have to wait another 30 years before the "great grey hordes" return. A combination of overharvest and natural cycles may make management superfluous for the cycle that peaked in the 1970s, but we have a real chance to do something about striped bass now.

We hope that all of us will make these modest sacrifices proudly with the knowledge that these sacrifices are necessary to protect this most valuable and noble species. Therefore, please write to the Governor today. East Hampton is still well represented in the Governor's office. Commercial fishermen have been concentrating their efforts on the Governor. Clearly, if the only input the Governor has is from East End commercial fishermen, this bill will never be signed into law. Therefore, it is imperative that you send letters **today**! If you are one of those who catch mostly bass under 20 inches, tell the Governor how willing you are to make the sacrifice for the good of the species.

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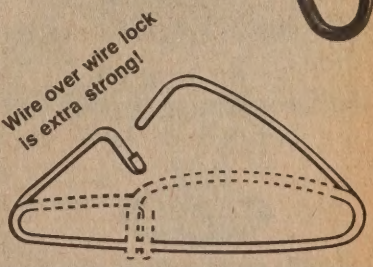

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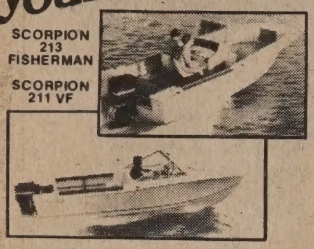

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Disappointing striped bass catches for most of New York and the Atlantic Coast underscore the urgent need for immediate management of the fishery to prevent the overfishing of remaining brood stock. In Chesapeake Bay, only one viable year class—the 1982 year class—stands between continued availability of Chesapeake-spawned striped bass and total collapse of a fishery that normally provides 90 percent of the Atlantic Coast's striped bass.

The Striped Bass Management Bill, A6469, has been cleared by two committees, and is now going to the Ways and Means Committee, before being voted on by the full Assembly. Following passage by the Assembly, the measure will be sent to the Senate for approval. All individuals and fishing organizations who haven't done so, should now send letters in support of the "24-inch Striped Bass Management Bill" to Senator John Dunne, Legislative Office Building, Albany, N.Y. 12247. Since the last hurdle will be the Governor's signature on the bill, a similar letter should be mailed to Governor Mario Cuomo, Executive Chamber, Albany, N.Y. 12224.

Supporting mail to Albany is particularly crucial at this time, so there should be no delay in writing. For more information, call Save Our Stripers, (516) 541-8676.

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National Safe Boating Week 1983—June 5-11—is being launched with a presidential proclamation in which President Ronald Reagan voices official approval of efforts being made to intensify awareness of safety procedures throughout the boating community.

As part of this campaign, United States Power Squadrons (USPS), a private 55,000 member boating group with 450 squadrons in major communities all over the country, is joining with other safety-oriented organizations in an all-out effort to promote safety on the water.

According to statistics issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, 88 percent of recorded fatalities occur in boats less than 17 feet in length with the vast majority taking place in the smaller inland lakes. The most common type of fatal accident involves a capsizing or fall overboard.

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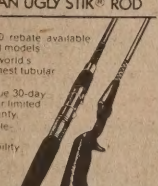

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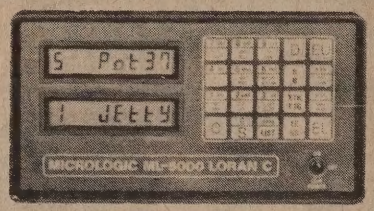

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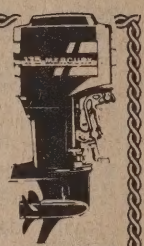

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DEC FLUKE STUDY IN GREAT SOUTH BAY OFFERS REWARD FOR TAG RETURNS

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SENATE PASSES MARINE RESOURCES ACCOUNT BILL

The State Senate gave unanimous approval to legislation aimed at cracking down on illegal shellfishing activities, Senator John R. Dunne (R-Nassau) has announced.

The legislation (S-3707-A) would establish a special marine subaccount within the Conservation Fund for management of marine resources and increased enforcement in the state's marine and coastal districts.

The account would be augmented by increased shellfishing permit fees and appropriated funds to study shellfishing relaying programs in addition to increasing enforcement of shellfishing laws.

Commenting on the Senate action, Senator Dunne noted, "Recent public hearings held on Long Island in response to the recurring problem of shellfish contamination highlighted the need for the state to act to increase enforcement efforts."

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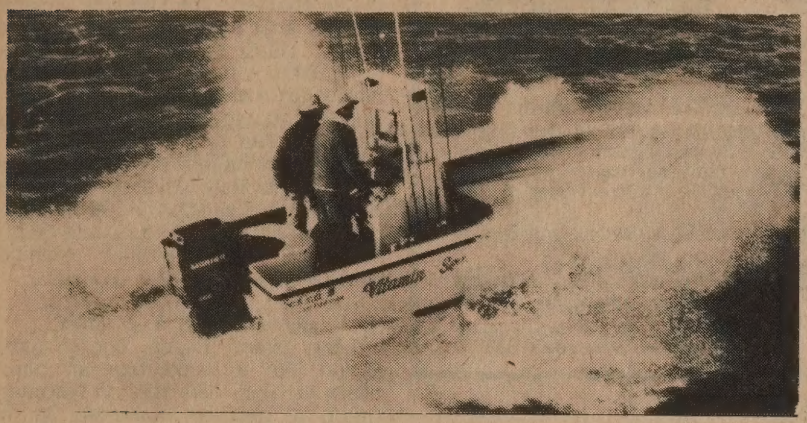

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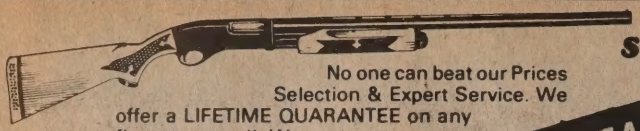

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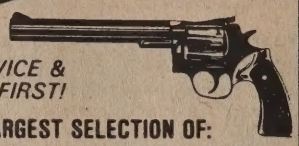

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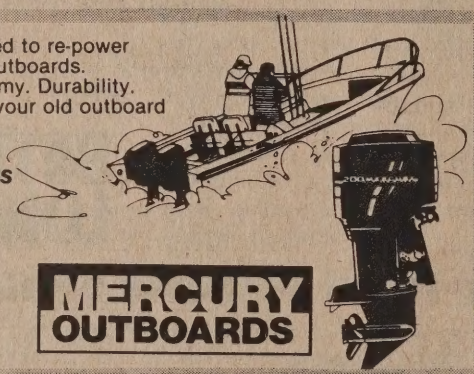

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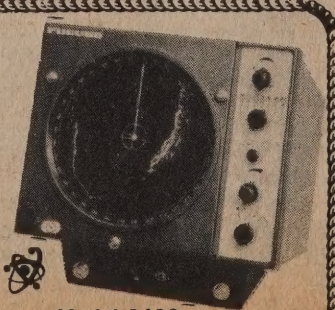

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RESIDENT STRIPER RESTORATION

Years ago there was a resident population of striped bass in Maine's Kennebec River, but it was destroyed primarily because of water pollution. The river has now been cleaned up and Maine's Department of Marine Resources feels that a new spawning population can be established by restocking to provide sport for both local citizens and visitors. The Department can provide technical help and transportation of fish, but lacks funds to obtain the stock necessary.

Sparked by John N. Cole, author of the classic book **Striper**, and Bradford Burns, a committee has been formed to raise funds for this effort. About $15,000 is needed over a five-year period and pledges are being requested to determine whether or not this goal is attainable. Those interested may mail pledges to: Committee to Restore Stripers to the Kennebec, 12 Kelley Road, Falmouth, ME 04105. If the program is successful, it would serve as a model for many

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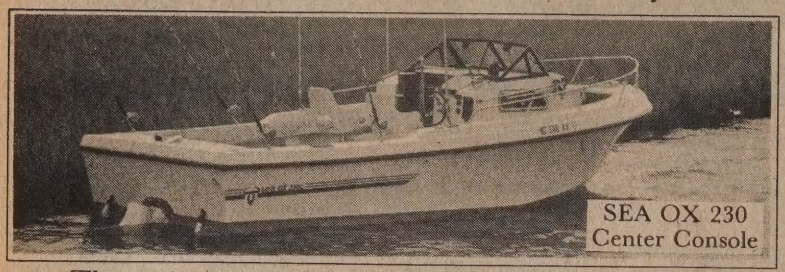

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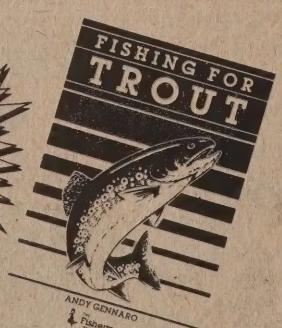

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PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB GARDINER'S BAY FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First place was taken by Joel Runkel with a 4 lb. flounder; second went to Tom Kehlenbeck with a 3.2 flounder and third to Paul McGregor and his 2.12 flounder. Tom Forbes also caught a 2 lb. 12 oz. flounder, but lost coin toss for 3rd place. All members caught fish. Joe Hernandez' boat brought in over 125 fish. About 20 fishermen participated in seven boats.

MORICHES ANGLERS SHARK TOURNEY SET FOR JUNE 18

The Moriches Anglers Inc. is sponsoring its Ninth Annual Shark Tournament on June 18, 1983 (rain date—June 19).

Entry fee will be $100 per boat. Of the total entries collected, 25 percent will be taken by the club for tournament expenses. Of the remaining 75 percent, prizes are as follows: 50 percent—largest shark; 30 percent—2nd largest shark and 20 percent—3rd largest shark. Plus a special award for the boat **tagging** and **releasing** the most sharks. Boats will be returning to the Shoreline Marina, foot of Union Avenue, Center Moriches, NY 11934.

For information contact: Chet Wilcox, B&B Tackle, Main Street, Center Moriches, NY 11934, (516) 878-9280.

BETTER WATTAGE

Conservationists as a group have been unhappy over most actions taken by Secretary of the Interior James Watt, but he recently made some points by urging Congress to preserve more wetlands which, he testified, are disappearing at the rate of 458,000 acres a year throughout the country.

"It makes little sense for the Federal Government to conserve wetlands while tax dollars are also being spent to encourage the draining, filling, and conservation of these areas to other uses," he noted. Legislation entitled "Protect Our Wetlands and Duck Resources Act of 1983" (POWDR) has been introduced to reverse the trend.

Wetlands along the coast are important spawning, nursery and feeding areas for a host of marine fishes. The new legislation was

recommended by a panel established by Watt and will be one of Interior's top priorities during the present session of Congress.

LOCAL CG AUX UNIT PROMOTES SAFE BOATING AS PART OF NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-3 of Long Beach has scheduled Safe Boating Displays and Free Courtesy Marine Examinations through June 11, 1983 at Hempstead Town Marina, West, Point Lookout and Long Beach Marineland, Park Street and New York Avenue, Long Beach.

National Safe Boating Week is annually proclaimed by the President and approved by Congress as a time to bring attention for the need for "Safe Boating" to all who use America's waterways and coastal waters.

"Since World War II pleasure boating has been on the increase," said Flotilla Commander Julie Sanchez of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, "until today it is America's number one family participating sport. And the Coast Guard Auxiliary has grown with the sport of pleasure boating," FC Sanchez added, "promoting Safe Boating through public education."

HUNTINGTON ANGLERS ANNOUNCE '83 SLATE

The following is the slate of officers for 1983, for the Huntington Anglers Club:

President: Ken Ducker; Vice President: Bill Ricca; Secretary: Peter Descovich; Treasurer: John Stone; Sgt-at-Arms: Bill Collins, Jr., Charles Tota; Board of Directors: Robert C. Tota, Gary Berringer, John Tarlon and Bob Schneider.

We were proud to have our 30th Anniversary Award Dinner on February 28, 1983.

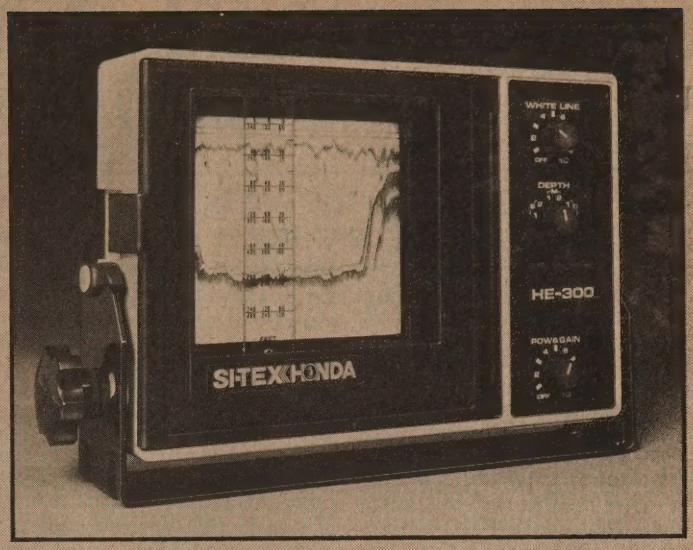
Sportsmans Award was given to Joseph Tota and Bill Ricca. Angler of the Year was Ken Massi.

RESULTS OF INTERCLUB WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT

The Atlantis Anglers Association held its 7th Annual Weakfish Tournament on May 21-22. Although the weather conditions were not cooperative due to a "pea soup" fog on Saturday, over 500 anglers from 13 clubs combed the waters in search of "Cynoscion regalis."

East Bay Anglers won the team championship by having a total combined weight of 30 lbs., 3 oz. Surfside III was second with a total weight of 27 lbs. 3 oz. Hudson Anglers Club took third place with a combined weight of 26 lbs. 14½ oz.

In individual categories, Joe Sterner of Surfside III, nailed down first place with a tiderunner weighing 14 lbs. 9 oz. Second place went to Herb Stevenson of Hudson Anglers who caught a 10 lb. 8½ oz. weakfish and third place went to Larry Oehler of Oakdale with a weakfish of 10 lbs. 4 oz.



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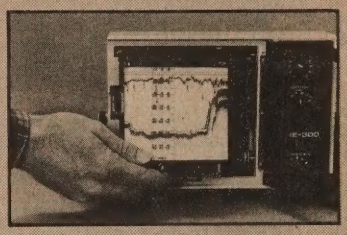

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TIN CAN PORGIES

by Matt Ahern

While the Tin Can Grounds are better known for producing fast action with the "glamour species," the area's reputation was built on the scrappy porgy.

I don't know how you feel about it, but for a long time now the thought of going porgy fishing has seldom caused me to do flip-flops. Actually, no anticipated porgy fishing trip has ever been reason for me to lose sleep the way countless cod, blackfish, and fluke trips have succeeded in doing since my earliest fishing days. It certainly wasn't like that in those early days. Not that I didn't enjoy fishing for porgies then. Perish the thought! Truthfully, I can't explain this quirk. I guess it's just one of those things which make fishermen differ from each other. Perhaps that's why my porgy fishing buddies, particularly Artie Leidecker, insist that I'm not playing with a full deck.

But whatever.

I caught my first porgy in late summer of 1927 off Sea Bright, New Jersey (Fifty-six years ago—I can't believe it!) I recall that for a kid whose only fishing experience aboard party boats to that time had been ling and fluke, these rapid-fire fish were giving me the fits. I just couldn't plant that hook where it would do the most good. But by the time October arrived, I was doing quite well and holding up my end—which for a 13-year-old in competition with the old-timers of the day was indeed something to brag about.

The following year, 1928, I really became involved with porgy fishing. (Those days anything sporting fins was fair game.) This involvement led to fishing for porgies in the greatest porgy fishing area known to New York Bight fishermen: the Tin Can Grounds.

Now. Before we get into the fantastic porgy fishing this area provided, let me ask you a question: Do you know how the Tin Can Grounds got its name? Most of the fishermen who did know the answer are long since gone from the fishing scene—but there are still a few of us around. (No—contrary to popular opinion, and I've heard this many, many times over the years, the City of New York didn't use this area for the dumping of tin cans and other assorted hardware. Not a bit of truth in it.)

Here's the scoop as given to me over 50 years ago.

It was the U.S. Navy who gave the Tin Can Grounds its name. Not by Naval designation, of course, but by the local old-timers who dreamed up the name to identify the area for their buddies who had yet to fish this wondrous place. Who else? It seemed that at the turn of the century, this great fishing area was used by the Navy as an anchorage for its destroyers (tin cans). Here, each awaited call-up for maintenance, repairs, and so forth, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The extraordinary heavy mussel growth for which this area was noted made ideal, safe anchoring in such shallow water.

This is the explanation given to me as a kid when first fishing this area 55 years ago. Sounds plausible to me. At least it's better than the tin can dumping theory.

You know, of all the porgy fishing articles I've read over the years none has mentioned that porgies are "flighty." I think this is one reason sinker bouncers don't have much success with these fish—unless the fishing is done over wrecks and other obstructed areas.

It is in these places, these wreck and rocky areas, where careless porgy fishermen do best. But for those who plan to fish porgies on mussel beds, etc., stealth should be the watchword of the day. I know that when I first fished open bottom for porgies (sand, mussel beds, and so forth), party boat skippers never charged up to an intended fishing area at full speed. Not if they wanted fish, they didn't!

In those long gone days, porgy fishing as I knew it on the Tin Can grounds was done in the following manner.

First—we always used chum. I cannot recall ever fishing porgies on the Tin Can without the aid of chum. Those days it mattered not where one anchored, the porgies were there. But we still found the use of chum was important. Today, however, if we were fortunate to have such good

The author and a "Tin Can" sea porgy.

open ground producing spots, few would bother to chum. Especially when the fish were thick. And this I think is one reason for the sad results some porgy fishermen achieve.

Recall, I said porgies on open bottom were flighty. I don't care how thick porgies may be, drop something heavy on deck and note what happens. Goodbye! Nice to know you, and all that. Once that school is gone, it's gone. And even if you remain at anchor for hours, porgies once frightened absolutely will not return to that area until the next tidal change.

This is why we used that chum. Some long-ago porgy fisherman discovered that when using chum over open bottom he could become as careless as he desired and still catch fish. They will not leave. You might say that the use of chum compensated for the careless dunderheads on board. It is as simple as that.

Those days on the Tin Can it wasn't necessary to find a particular fishing area, no high-spots, for instance, as one must in many places today. And yet, as I say, we didn't barge in on the fish because of their tendency to fright. What we did do was drift for a quarter-mile or so from the area where we first stopped, then quietly lower the anchor and make it secure.

Our chum consisted of mashed whole skimmer—usually about a bushel for starters—and this was prepared in a large galvanized pan on the way to the grounds. This prevented anyone from making unnecessary thumpings on deck, which, of course, carried to the fish.

The chum was dribbled overside with the aid of a small scoop shovel. In minutes the fish would respond, and from there on in, it was catch all you want, let your conscience be your guide. It became the job of one of the mates to sweeten the chum line from time to time. Occasionally, there would be a lull in the fishing as one school moved off to be replaced by another. But all in all, you might say the action was consistent, and the porgy fisherman of those days never considered the thought of empty buckets (sacks, in this instance).

There were many other fish which took up residence on the Tin Can Grounds those days, but because porgies were so thick we rarely caught them. Sea bass were there, and so were blackfish. And fluke. Big fluke. The pool winning sharpies always concentrated on these fluke after they had their fill of porgies. Because of this it was unusual to see a large porgy take the pool. Porgy strips were used as bait for these outsized fluke, as was the usual fluke rig-up of the day: a three foot leader and a 4/0 regular shanked Sproat hook.

And stripers. We never caught on the party boat I fished from, nor did I see one caught at that time. But they had to be there for the simple reason that as the supply of porgies diminished on the Tin Can, the skimmer chum used in the late 30s and early 40s began to produce nice-sized stripers for surprised porgy fishermen. With fewer porgies on the grounds, the stripers could get to the bait. I caught my last striper on the Tin Can Grounds two years ago—and if I can talk my buddy Artie Leidecker into giving it a shot this summer, maybe I'll connect again.

Yes, the Tin Can Grounds was an ideal fish producer 'way back when. Whether it will ever regain its porgy fishing reputation is something difficult for anyone to say. Between us and that proverbial lamppost, I doubt it—although it may improve over the next several years.

But for those fellows who like to drift for fluke (and a possible striper), this is an ideal area for it. Weakfish often hit in here during the fall. They don't stay long, but if you're in the vicinity, give it a try. Say, from mid-September on. Charley Hall, Artie's good friend and neighbor, nailed a 16 pounder there last October—plus several others in the eight to ten pound class.

So, with a fishing spot available like the Tin Can, who knows what to expect from one trip to the next. The only sensible way is to try it and see. Why, those porgies may even return again in astronomical numbers. If so, maybe I'll again enjoy it. There's certainly nothing wrong with porgies—maybe as Artie said, it's me.

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TEASERS:

Spring, Summer, & Fall

by Herb Buch

The author shares some of his own ideas on the addition of a teaser ahead of your plug or tin.

Why should anyone concern himself with teasers? The best reason is that there are many times when the surf can be loaded with fish which ignore all of the standard lures. Another reason is the occasional need for a small lure, which cannot be delivered with the tackle you carry. No one really knows why teasers can be so effective, but in my opinion, size and action, or lack of it are most significant. The combination of two or more lures may also be important in the same way that an umbrella rig outfishes a single lure.

Going back to the days when bucktail jigs were new in this area, I can illustrate my feelings about lack of action. There was a school of stripers in the calm water on the inlet side of the Breezy Point Jetty in Rockaway (now part of Gateway National Park). Every cast would result in one or more fish that would follow the tin or plug to the rocks and then turn off. Our favorite lures ranged in weight from an ounce on up. My bag contained some half-ounce white bucktails jigs which I had acquired near Chesapeake Bay. They were too light to cast any distance with 20 pound test line and a fairly stiff rod. In desperation, I took a piece of mono and attached a bucktail about 15 inches behind a tin by knotting the mono to the single hook on the larger lure. This combination took fish after fish, all on the bucktail.

You might guess that the piece of mono, acting as an invisible connection, produced the action. It was my practice to use a mono leader in front of all my lures, so that was not it. In checking out the rig, the jig was tracking through the water with no apparent action in spite of the wobbling of the tin. Since small tins and small white plugs had produced nothing, I felt that the lack of action rather than size or color was the reason for success.

Last season there were many occasions when droppers were dynamite on the abundant small bluefish. Any kind of small dropper would do the job when the natural bait in the water was small. Tinker tubes were ideal on many days, especially if they were rigged on a long shanked hook, like a Carlisle. Then one day, another angler was outfishing us three to one

A small bucktail fished behind a length of dowel or a hookless popping plug, has accounted for many school bass over the years. Photo by W.A. Muller.

with a small tube dropper. When I checked it out, it turned out to be a miniature of the tubes used on an umbrella rig. It was homemade on a 2/0 bent Limerick tube hook, with a small swivel on the eye. This dropper actually swam as the tin was retrieved, and at least this time, it outproduced everything else. Once again, action was the key.

In addition to taking the big three of the surf—stripers, weaks and blues—teasers may save the day by producing fresh bait or some food to take home when bigger game is scarce. This happens when schools of tinker mackerel, herring, or other small stuff invades the surf. A small spoon trailing behind a tin or bucktail jig will take small fry that would ignore your standard lures.

In recent years, the most popular type of teaser has been a feathered hook fished as a dropper. This lure can be bought or tied in several sizes and a variety of colors. You have probably heard about that giant striper beached at Cape Cod on a black feather in front of an eel. Black has been very good at night, with white and yellow during the day. Two color combinations or special patterns are killers at times, but are not usually necessary.

Feathered hooks are easy to make with a minimum of equipment. Buy some tinned O'Shaughnessy hooks in a size to suit your needs (bigger hooks for heavy tackle and smaller for light tackle), and a package of large hackle feathers. Wrap the shank of the hook with some rod winding thread, and coat it with any waterproof glue. Tie in a bunch of feathers near the eye of the hook, winding the thread tightly, and finish with a few half hitches. Coat this wrapping with glue and you are done. Four or five feathers are more than enough to produce the action you desire. More is not better. They are not expensive to buy, but you can easily make them to suit your specific needs or tastes.

Spring is a good time to experiment with teasers. Whether you are trying for bass, weaks, or blues. As a result of the cold water, and a scarcity of bait, most fish will be working near the bottom. Tins are the lures of choice, and a small dropper ahead will improve your chances. In the faster currents in and near inlets, a jelly worm on a jig head would be a better choice, because weakfish begin to take lures early in May. Coupling the worm with a feather as a dropper increases your chances of attracting attention. By the middle of May small blues are usually hitting our south shore beaches. Inlet areas produce the best chances for a weak, while blues and stripers may show up anywhere. The Sound offers a better shot at the bass in the spring, but not usually any blues or weaks until later in the season.

As we progress into the warmer weather, there is an improvement in the likelihood of surface action. In general, though, it is best to stay with the deep runners, unless you see signs of fish near the top. Small swimming plugs are increasingly productive at night, especially when combined with small droppers. During the warm weather a lot of grass shrimp are present in many areas. They often work the top on calm nights and it is common to see or hear fishing popping at them. They are very difficult to imitate with anything except a fly or a plastic imitation. A two to three inch fly made of natural brown bucktail is a good imitation at night when worked in front of a slowly retrieved small surface swimmer, like a five inch RedFin. Salty Dogs on a 1/16 ounce leadhead have been available in some stores and are very good imitations of small shrimp. I have not found them to be any better than the fly or a plastic grub rigged on a 2/0 hook. The hooks on the small Salty Dogs are also too weak for the fish you may catch. I tie my bucktails on long shanked, size one, forged fly hooks. The fly is easier to cast than the plastic lure because it has less air resistance.

Unfortunately, most of our spring and summer action is not very reliable. Fall is our season and at that time you will have your best shot. Bait of all sizes and types fills the water, and bigger fish are generally after them. At this season we can expect hits and a teaser will make them even more likely.

Now is the time that you want to work from top to bottom. Popping plugs trailing a teaser can really turn on school stripers which may ignore the same lure without a trailer. This combo will attract fish as early as June, but it becomes more effective as the season progresses. I have found that hanging a fly or a light bucktail jig behind this kind of plug is usually more effective than using a dropper ahead of it. It pays to carry one popper with the hooks removed to use this way. An alternative is to rig a lure on about 12 inches of heavy mono, with a snap swivel at the other end. If the plain popper does not work, snap this teaser to the rear hook hanger of the plug. It will tangle at times, but it can also bring up fish that you would never know were there. Although I do not like wire, it sometimes pays to have one teaser rigged on 30 pound test black nylon covered cable for days when blues are trying to bite off all of your teasers.

Complete your exploration of the different depths with a feather dropper in front of a swimming plug followed by a curly tailed grub in front of a tin or bucktail jig to work along the bottom. The curly tails are inexpensive, and very effective rigged on a 2/0 hook. They attract all fish, and it doesn't hurt too much when a blue destroys one, as they are easy to replace.

Leader material is preferred by many for building these rigs because its stiffness will help to keep the teaser from twisting around the leader. If you use 2/0 or 3/0 hooks, even regular 50 pound test mono will do the job. For clear water or wary fish you can drop down to 30, but check constantly for frays or nicks.

For general use it pays to have several dropper rigs prepared in advance in separate envelopes. Take about two and a half feet of mono and tie a heavy duty snap on one end. I omit the swivel here and make the snap large enough to leave room for m tins to wobble. I run the other end through a #7 black swivel and tie an improved clinch knot so that there is about 18 inches of leader between the swivel and the snap. The loose end of the line will now be sticking out at right angles to the leader. Snip off enough so that when you tie on your fly, it will not be more than six inches from the swivel. Shorter drops are less likely to twist.

Bluefish will nick the mono sooner or later. Check your leader and switch rigs when necessary. Don't bother with teasers when there is a blitz, because double headers will very often tear your rig apart with the loss of expensive lures. The advantage of these rigs is the fact that they will often be the only way in which you can get any action. This season you should try some of these combinations. You won't be sorry if you do.

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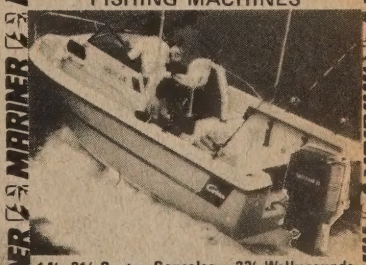

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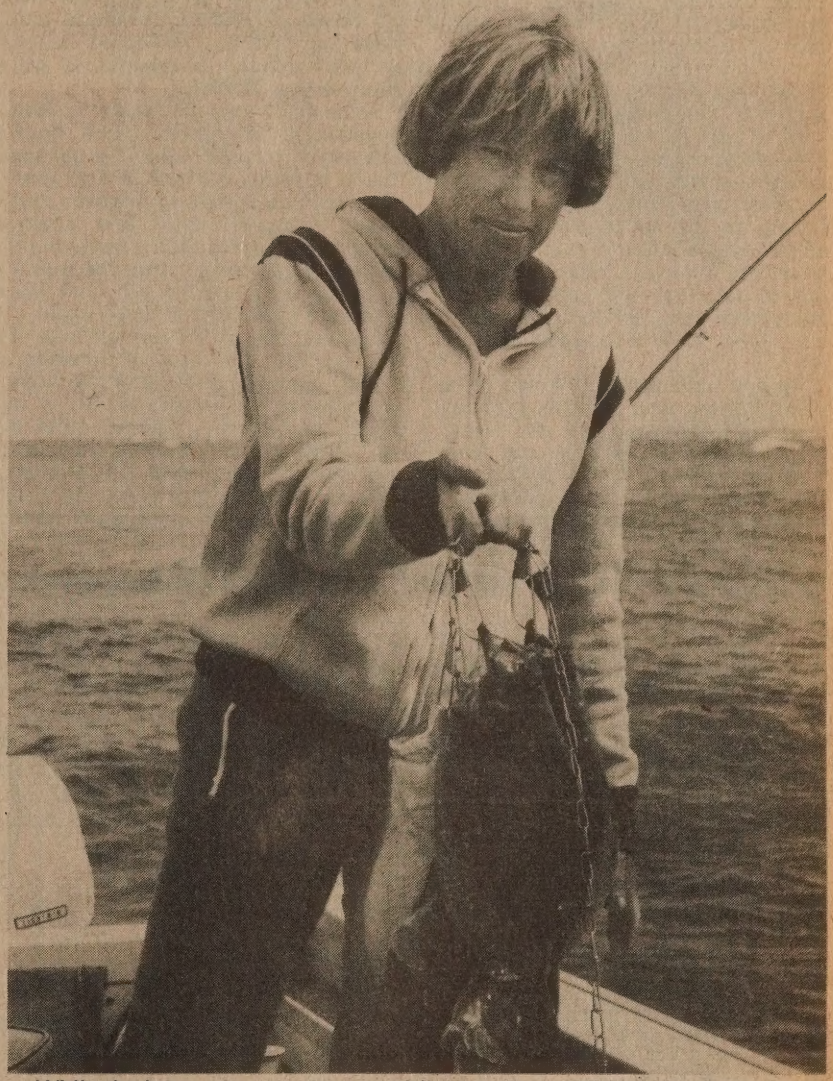
TIDEWATER FLUKE TIPS

by Lou Mauriello

It is a well known fact that the days of going out on the bays and being able to catch fluke until you grow weary are no longer with us. In these days of diminished supply, most of us are satisfied to land enough keepers for a decent meal, but all too often, I've seen empty coolers at the launching ramps at the end of a day's fishing. Aside from that occasional day when we find Murphy's Law in effect and nothing seems to go right, I feel there is no reason to get skunked. I'm the first to admit that I am not a master fluke fisherman, but I do manage to catch my share and have an occasional banner day while drifting along the creeks and bays along the South Shore.

One thing I want to make clear from the beginning is that I am not talking about fluke fishing offshore. As we have seen over the last few years, that is getting almost as good as it used to be. What I am going to be covering is the area from Jones Inlet to Great South Bay. It is in this area that I have been concentrating my efforts and also where I've heard the greatest amount of complaints about the amount of available fluke. For some reason (one that I can't figure out), this area hasn't recovered as well as the offshore grounds, so it is necessary to use every trick in the book to score consistently on this summer flounder. Let's go over a few of the fine points of bay fishing for fluke and hopefully we'll be able to place a few more keepers in our coolers this season.

The first thing that comes to my mind is the importance of a proper drift. All too often, I have seen boats drift for long distances after pulling a fish or two and then not being able to find the productive area again. It would be much easier if we started each drift by a buoy but most of the time, the fish don't read the script and we are forced to search out the areas where they may be. My favorite way of finding fluke is really quite simple. I'll run to an area where the fish have been feeding and then, depending on the wind and tide condition that may exist, position my boat close to the flats so that it will drift into the deeper water of the channel. I will then continue the drift until the boat reaches the other side of the channel and am once again near the flats. If no fish were present, I'll move the boat back on the other side of the channel, but this time the drift will start about 50 feet down-tide of where I started my first drift. I'll keep up this leapfrogging along the channel until one of my companions get a hit or a fluke is actually brought to the landing net. At this point, I break out a marker buoy and toss it into the water. The buoy is simply an empty white or yellow plastic jug which has a homemade lead weight attached (heavy enough to keep it from floating away in the current) via a length of crab trap line long enough to reach the bottom. It is then a simple matter to run the same drift.



While the inlets often produce good fluke action, additional lead may be needed to keep your bait in the strike zone.

After you have passed over the productive piece of bottom, you simply run your boat back to your starting point by running as close to your buoy as possible without getting it fouled in your prop. It is important to drift over the same piece of bottom because fluke seem to position themselves near the dropoffs from the flats and lie in wait for the bait fish that are being swept over by the current. Normally, where you catch one, you'll find more waiting for an easy meal.

Fluke are quite active feeders and I

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have taken them with artificials on several occasions. I can recall one September day, several years ago, when I was fishing in front of the Fire Island Coast Guard Station and I saw what I thought to be bluefish chasing bait on top. I flipped out a bucktail and was quickly rewarded with a strike, but to my surprise the fish turned out to be a nice fluke. It seems they were chasing the bait to the surface during the slack tide. It is because of this trait, in part, that I choose the killie as my favorite bait. Other baits can usually be found in my cooler, but it is the killie which seems to catch the most fish. They are native to the bays and as such, make up a good portion of the fluke's diet. It is almost impossible to tell what size killie is best, but I will suggest that different members of your party try different size baits and even different kinds of baits if one type isn't producing on that given day. Don't be afraid to experiment with bait, for just when you think you know what fluke like to eat, they will get a yen for something else. All told, though, a nice lively killie is a good place to start.

As you have probably heard many times before, your hook is probably the single most important part of your tackle. This is especially true when flipping a live killie into the current for fluke. In this situation, you need a lightweight, yet strong hook. The reason for this is that the hook must restrict the bait as little as possible, but yet be able to penetrate the jaw of a fluke. Your hook should also be able to hold any outsized fish you might encounter. Since the average bay fluke runs just above keeper size, my personal choice in this department is the Sproat hook in size 2/0. I snell this hook to a three foot length of 20 pound test leader material and attach it to my line via a dropper loop tied about three inches above my sinker. I find that when a killie is hooked on this rig, through the mouth and out the gill cover, he acts more natural and stays lively longer. This livelier action attracts more fish and hopefully will improve your catch.

Some folks I've met seem to lean toward the standard fluke hook because of its offset point and believe that it is easier to hook a fish than when using a Sproat. I have seen that theory shattered time and again. Others believe the longer shank of the Carlisle style hook superior because it is easier to unhook a fish that has taken the hook deeply. Once again, I must disagree. After any amount of time spent on the water, a fisherman quickly learns to go in after the hook when a fish has swallowed it. It is simple procedure I learned quite a few years ago and works equally as well on fluke as it does on bluefish and cod. You simply hold the fish under the throat by your weak hand and with the strong hand you insert your fingers through the gills, grasp the hook, and twist it out. Then, it's a simple matter of pulling it back out the mouth. That's all there is to it.

Sinker weight varies with the area you may be fishing at any given time. I have used as little weight as one ounce while fishing the back waters of a bay on ultralight spinning gear. At other times, while drifting Jones and Fire Island Inlets, it was necessary to use as much as four or five ounces to keep my bait on bottom. Let's not forget that fluke are primarily a bottom hugging species and that is the place you must be if you want to score with them. Basically, the weight of the sinker you will be using will depend on the type of tackle you are using. My preference in this area leans toward my favorite seven foot spinning rod with a Cardinal 4 reel loaded with 10 pound test monofilament. I also take along a six foot conventional rod which was made up for me from a Lamiglas worm rod blank. This rod has an old Penn Peerless #9 on it which is packed with 15 pound test monofilament. I find that with these two rods I can handle any situation that may come up while fishing in the bay. Even if I decide to try to fish the inlets I will have something with me that will handle the heavier sinkers. It is an absolute pleasure when using these rods in that they are light in weight and can

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be held for hours without my arms starting to ache. Also, there is the definite advantage of the light rod being much more sensitive than its heavier counterparts. And let's not forget the other advantage of being able to use lighter line on these outfits. All things considered, the use of light gear in the bays is highly recommended. Leave those medium weight rods home and save them for those offshore excursions.

So far, I have been giving you my opinion on fluke fishing. However, I must admit I take a back seat to the champ fluke catcher in the family. After 25 years of fishing (and this is embarrassing to admit), I am now taking lessons in catching fluke from my 13-year-old son, Stephen. I can't recall but about one or two trips in the last several years he hasn't outfished me at least two to one. I like to think it is because I am busy helping him bait up or watching where the boat is drifting (or netting his fish), but the truth is, that kid is just plain good at fluking. The other night I sat him down and got him to divulge his secret method (under the threat of never going fishing again). Well, let me tell you, I think the kid has something in what he said. If you are like me, you like to feel the fish bite before lifting your rod to see if the fish is still there. Sometimes, though, what we believe to be a hit is nothing but our rig bouncing on the bottom so we just sit around waiting for the next bounce. Not my son, though. What he divulged is so simple, it hurts. It seems that instead of waiting for a bite, he gives his rod a slow lift about every 15 to 20 seconds as we are drifting along. If there is nothing going on on the other end, he simply drops back down to the bottom and tries again. When I stopped to analyze what he told me, I realized he has something there. Apparently, it appears that his bait is trying to get away from the bottom and it seems to drive the fluke wild, as I've seen him get some realy solid hits while going through this routine. All along I thought he already felt a hit before lifting, but the little monster has fooled me for the last time. This year, I'm going to try this little trick of his and I'm willing to wager it's going to work for me, too. If you do get a hit while your rig is dragging along the bottom, however, don't forget to pay out a little line so that the fish can get the hook into its mouth. Then and only then should you come back with a steady lift in an attempt to set the hook. Remember—you gotta' hook 'em, to cook 'em.

If you happen to be fishing between Jones Inlet and the area behind Fire Island this year and happen to see a white center console with the name "Article 2" on its side, stop by and say hello. That's my boat and I'll have my resident expert along. Just hold onto your lunch, though, as he works up a great appetite bringing those fluke to the surface for his dear old dad to net.

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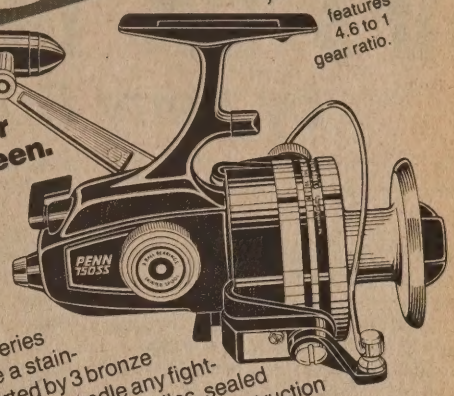

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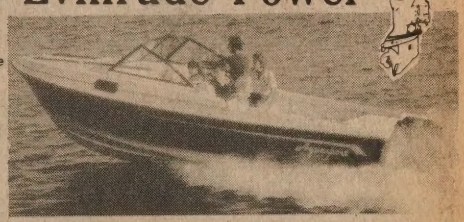

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TIPS ON TROLLING POLLOCK

by Kerry Douton & Tim Coleman

About this time the last couple seasons, the run of big pollock around Block Island had been going full bore. And, judging from the response we got from showing our pollock movie over the winter, we'd say quite a few people are interested in getting in on this. Like other types of fishing, though, there's tricks to the trade.

To pick up some of those tips we hustled over to Niantic to J&B Tackle for a talk with Kerry Douton, a fellow very familiar with what goes where. If you really want to catch like the pros, you'll use umbrella rigs and downriggers. Up and down jigging works when fish are stacked up, but for best results day-in, trip-out, the rigs and downriggers are the way to fly.

Each set of downriggers on the market comes with a set of operating instructions. So rather than go over the same ground as the factory brochure, we'll try to cover material not found in print too many other places.

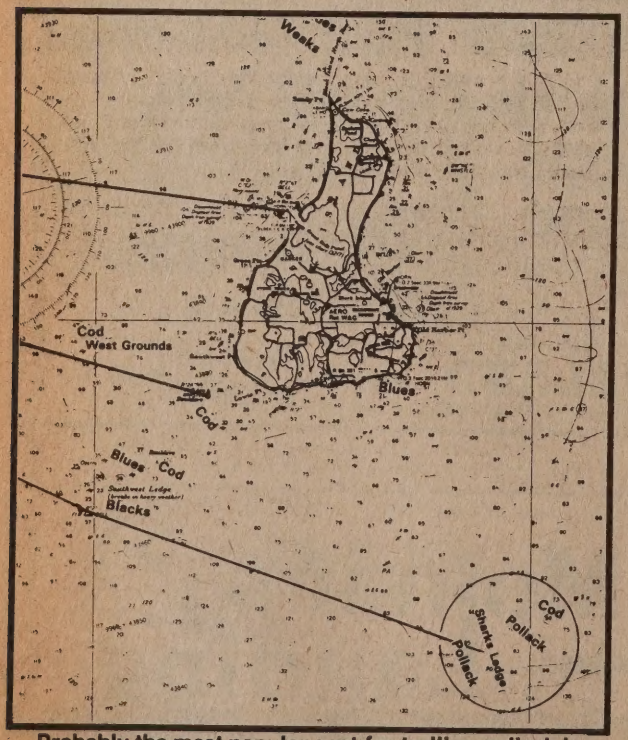
Every downrigger unit comes with a factory release clip. These all work, but fishermen forever modify. As a result, some use a Black's release clip instead of the factory model. The number of the Black's clip is RC #100. It should be available in some of the bigger tackle shops on Long Island and if not stocked, it can be ordered.

To hook up this clip you first put a very heavy duty snap swivel in the eye of the downrigger ball. Next step is to put a heavy duty split ring in the top eye of the snap swivel. The Black's clip goes on next. The bottom eye of the clip goes into the split ring you just put on. The top eye of the Black's clip is put into the snap of a second, heavy duty snap swivel. On some downrigger units this snap swivel is supplied, already attached to the downrigger cable, as part of the purchase price. From its attachment to the top snap swivel, the cable usually then runs up through the boom and into the downrigger spool.

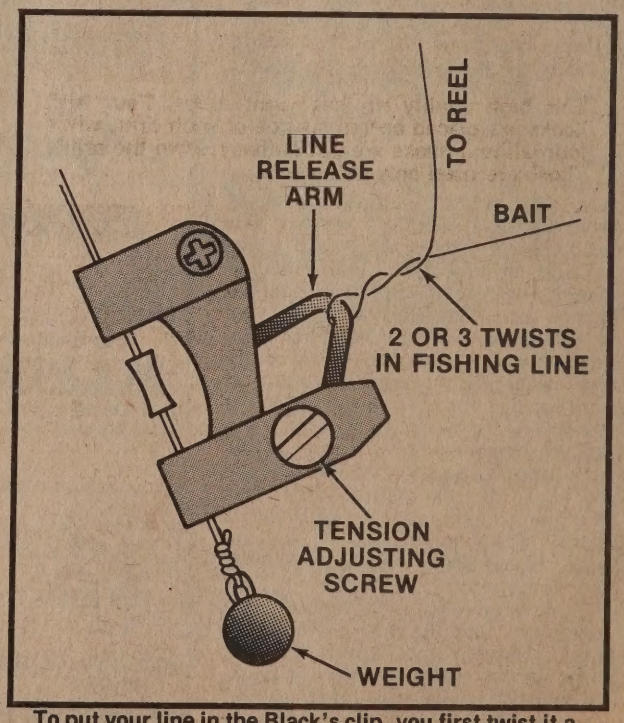
The Black's clip has a line release arm and a tension adjustment screw. You turn the screw and increase or decrease the amount of pull needed to free the line from the release arm. This is a big help if you wish to troll light line and single lures rather than say, the standard 40 or 50 pound mono with the umbrella rigs. If such was the case you'd decrease the tension. If you were trolling standard gear and the line kept popping out of the arm on its own, that would be the time to increase the tension.

To put your line in the clip, you twist it a couple times forming a loop. Next you pull the release arm out of the plastic socket it sets in. Run the end of the arm into the loop, then push the arm back into its original position. You are now ready to let the line and umbrella rig down with the downrigger ball.

Next item to take a look at is the umbrella rig itself. You want only high quality stuff. Cheap rigs will literally break apart if you get a



Probably the most popular spot for trolling pollock is Shark's Ledge (circled), south of Block Island. Be careful if you move inshore from here without re-setting the downrigger ball. It could get snagged on some of the high bottom that lies in closer to the island. Chart courtesy of J&B Tackle.



To put your line in the Black's clip, you first twist it a couple times to form a loop. Next you pull the release arm out of its plastic socket. Run the end of the arm through the loop, then push the arm back into its original position. The screw on the side adjusts the amount of tension needed to release the arm from its holder.

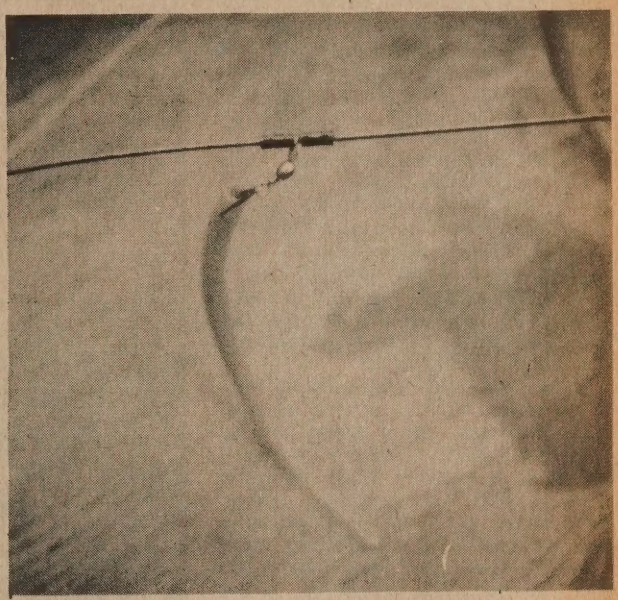
double or better of 30 pounders. A lot of the expert fishermen Kerry supplies rigs to, use eight tubes on a four arm rig. Four of the tubes on the outside of each arm carry hooks, while four on the inside are merely teasers to catch a fish's eye. The teasers are placed halfway between the end of each arm and the rig's centerpiece.

All the tubing is 5/16 inch. This smaller diameter seems to produce better than say 9/16 inch. All the tubes with hooks are rigged with an inch and a half piece of 75 pound test bead chain. The free swiveling chain ensures better swimming action than two-way swivels. Hooks are 7/0 Limericks. The outside tubes are attached to the arms with about a 24 inch piece of 60 pound leader material. Leader material is much more abrasion resistant than plain mono. Tie one end of the material to the eye of the bead chain. Tie the other end to a two-way swivel. That swivel gets put into the clip at the end of each arm.

Teaser tubes should be the same size, color and cut as the hooked ones. They are attached to the middle of the arms with small snap swivels. To attach the snap to the tubes just cut a small slice about one quarter inch down from the top of the tube. Run the snap through the cut and close it up. Different type umbrella rigs have different methods of attaching teasers. Some rigs have loops bent in the wire with split rings in the loops; others just have loops. Still others come ready made with the snap swivels already in place (they are held there by crimps on both sides of the wire).

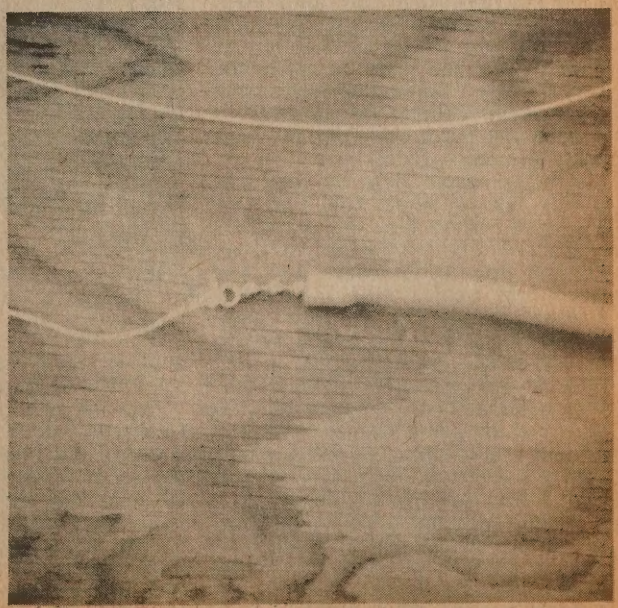
Probably the most popular place for pollock trolling is out Shark's Ledge way, south of the island. It's shown on the chart accompanying this article. A couple last things to remember about pollock trolling are, one: keep the rig about 40 feet or so behind the release clip; and, two, watch your depth if you move inshore. Obviously, something will give if the ball is down 90 feet and you start towing up a hill where there's only 60 feet of space. Keep an eye open and catch a bunch!

This high quality rig has eight tubes. Four with hooks are placed on the outside of each arm, while four without hooks are put halfway down the arms. Those are used only as teasers.



Teasers are held in place by crimps on the wire on either side on the small snap swivel. To put the swivel in the tube, just cut a small slice on one side of the tube about one-quarter inch from the top, then insert the snap and close it shut.

The tubes with hooks are rigged with a 24 inch piece of 60 pound test leader material.



Rigging the tubes with bead chain ensures more action.

PUTTING THE "BIGHT" ON BLUES

by Terry Maltese

Certainly not the first choice of New York Bight boatmen in search of blues, umbrella rigs become a useful tool under certain conditions.

Bring up the subject of trolling umbrellas with wire for blues to a group of New York Bight fishermen, and prepare yourself for a wide variety of comments. You may get comments such as "meat fisherman," "that wire is impossible to use," "it's not as much fun as jigging," and "it's sometimes the right thing to do."

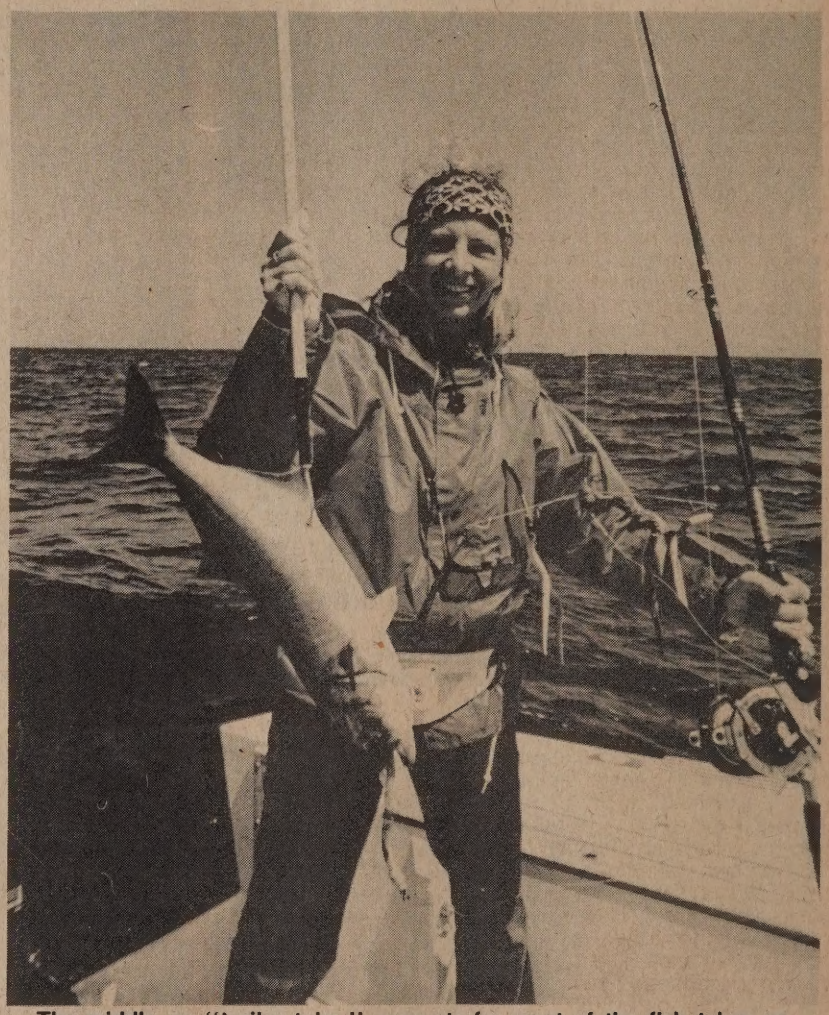
Well, I have to agree with the latter two. I'll admit that trolling with wire isn't as much fun as jigging. But, I also agree that sometimes it's the right thing to do. I'll even take that one step further and say sometimes it's the only thing to do.

Before we start talking about how to go about trolling umbrellas with wire, let's talk about when to and when not to do it. Certainly, one time not to do it is when there are birds working and fish breaking water. Very often you'll see birds working and someone will be trolling right through the school. Everytime they do this they send the fish deep. In my opinion, the only time to troll for blues is when you can't catch them by jigging.

One terrific use for trolling umbrellas is to locate the fish. Very few of us have the electronics or knowledge that party and charter boat skippers, so a good way to locate fish is to troll around until you hook up. After the fish is landed, turn around and make a few passes through the same spot. If it produces more fish, put the wire aside and start jigging.

Another good time to use the umbrellas is when the fish are scattered. When they are extremely scattered it's ridiculous to even attempt jigging. On days like this you'll see people sitting in boats waiting for the fish to congregate. You'll also see a few boats trolling around and taking a slow pick of fish. They're not slaughtering 'em but they're certainly doing better than the guys that are just sitting and waiting. They are catching a few fish because they are covering much more ground than a boat that drifts a jig.

Tackle is an important consideration when fishing wire. A 30 lb. boat rod with carboloy guides is fine. Some people like roller guides, but they are expensive and I don't think they're necessary. Roller guides also make it difficult to use your trolling rod for another type of fishing. Most reels in the 2/0 to 4/0 size are fine.



The middle, or "trailer tube," accounts for most of the fish taken on umbrella rigs.

Now for setting up the reel. About 100 yards of 40 or 50 pound test mono should go on the reel first, followed by about 200 yards of wire. Next comes 20 to 25 feet of 40 or 50 pound test mono leader which should be attached to the wire via a quality swivel. A snap or snap swivel at the working end finishes off your outfit. Be sure you mark the wire as you go along. This is so you know how much wire you have out. You can put vinyl tape of one color at 50 feet, another color at 100 and so on. You can also put a swivel every 50 feet and pay attention to how many are out at any given time. Make sure they aren't too big to fit through the guides. If you don't want to set the reel up yourself, most tackle shop owners will be happy to do it for a nominal fee.

The umbrella rig is easy to set up. Either buy it already rigged or buy the tubes separately. The hanger can be two arm, four arm, six arm, etc. I recommend the four arm. Simply slip

the eye or swivel from the tube into the snaps of the hanger. I don't believe in teasers (tubes without hooks). The reason for using teasers is to make the umbrella rig look like a school of sand eels. I feel if you're going to put a tube on, you might as well have a hook on it. The last thing in rigging the umbrella is the trailer tube. This is the middle one. This is the biggest tube and should be the only weighted one. Instead of attaching this tube directly to the hanger, it should be attached to the middle snap via a three or four foot, 40 pound leader. Most of your fish will probably be caught on this tube.

Now that we know when to troll and we're all rigged up, it's time to start fishing. While the boat is moving slowly ahead, the umbrellas are dropped into the water and the reels put into free spool and thumbed. It has been said that the depth of the umbrella is 10 feet for every 100 feet of wire out. This figure is strongly affected by the speed and direction of the boat, sea conditions, current, and the weight of the umbrella rig and wire, diameter of the wire, and various other things. If you feel the umbrella isn't going deep enough, you can let out more wire and slow the boat down. If you still aren't deep enough, a drail may be added.

When the rig is out to the desired depth, the reels are engaged and it becomes time to wait. The usual practice is to troll two rods at a time. Just keep the rods pointing in opposite directions and don't make any sharp turns. If the two umbrellas cross and the wire tangles, you'll be sorry.

When the fish hits there is usually no need to set the hook, because the speed of the boat applies enough pressure to penetrate the fish's mouth. If there are a few fish on the rig (it isn't uncommon to catch three or four at a time(or one big one, you'll have to take the boat out of gear to make fighting easier. I like doing this all of the time so I get to feel and fight the fish instead of the drag of the umbrella. When landing one or more fish of average size, I just point the rod tip down, take in as much line as possible, and swing 'em in. Don't let novices do this. Have them stop reeling when the fish is at boatside and have an experienced angler grab the mono leader and swing 'em in. If the fish is big, gaff him.

The New York Bight area is well suited to "dragging wire." Most of Ambrose Channel is well suited to this type of fishing as is the area between Ambrose Channel and Sandy Hook Channel (conveniently known as "Between Channels"). The Atlantic Highlands also produce well at times.

If you are coming out of Sheepshead Bay, I suggest you try fishing in or around the Tin Can Grounds and along Rockaway Beach. There's no sense in riding all the way down to Jersey and then finding out that the hot fishing took place in your own backyard.

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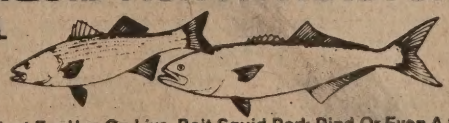

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FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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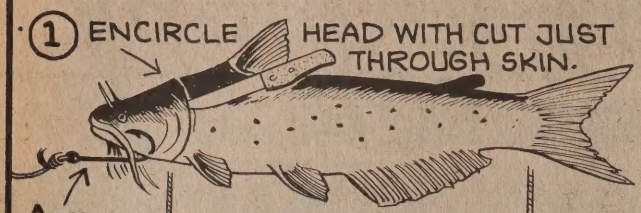
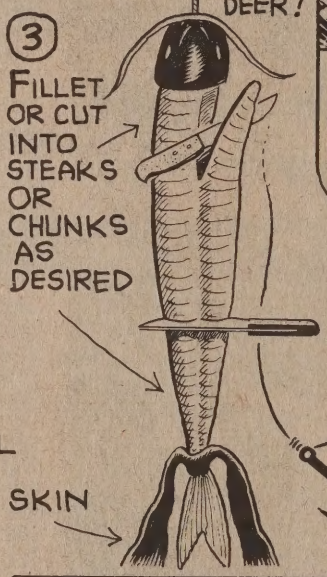
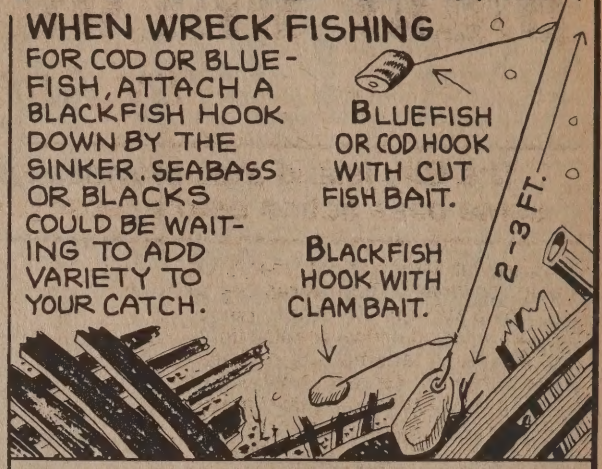




WHEN WRECK FISHING FOR COD OR BLUEFISH, ATTACH A BLACKFISH HOOK DOWN BY THE SINKER. SEABASS OR BLACKS COULD BE WAITING TO ADD VARIETY TO YOUR CATCH.



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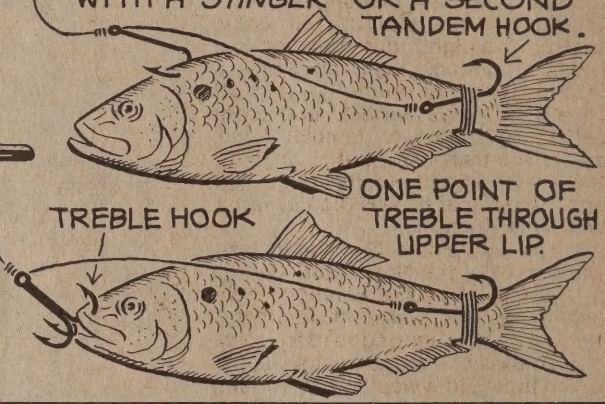

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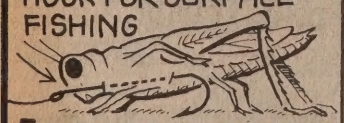

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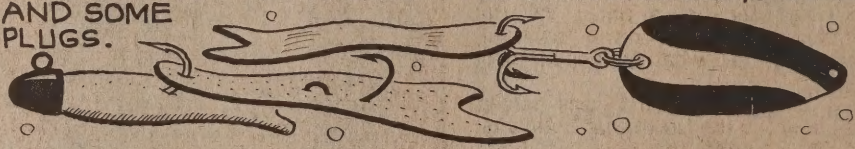

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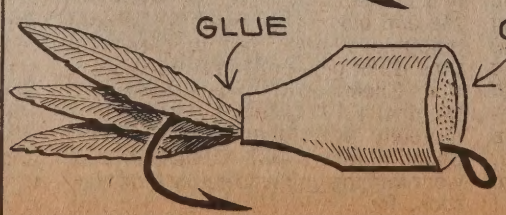

4 - USE ALL PURPOSE WHITE GLUE TO SEAL CORK AND FILL IN SLIT (*HOOK END*) IN THE BACK. PAINT OR LEAVE NATURAL.

BASS BEFORE BREAKFAST

by Andy Regina

The City Island area provides local bass hounds with a good shot at some bass action before most people have had their first cup of coffee.

"Douse that damned light, man! You stupid, or what?" The words hissed out towards me in that eerie, pre-dawn period known as false light, hushed in an attempt to maintain some sense of secrecy. Instead of reacting instinctively, which meant that I should have gone over and punched that guy in the mouth, I meekly switched off the flashlight and kept quiet. "That's better Amigo, now every idiot on the island doesn't have to know what's happening right in front of their noses!" Turning around, I saw the buildings on City Island Avenue starting to come awake, one light in a bedroom on here, a bathroom light on there, a kitchen window opening—and all facing towards where we were fishing, a couple of football fields away. The man was right, I thought, that's why I didn't pop him one—that and the fact that he was bigger, fatter and uglier than me!

I was with Eddie Que Pasa, erstwhile mate of the North Star, docked at the foot of Jack's Landing, right behind us. We were off Rodman's Neck in a skiff, figuring to catch some striped bass before the boat sailed, at which time Eddie would start working and I would try to grab a nap in Capt. Pete's cabin. What precipitated the harsh words was a school striper of about eight pounds, that somehow got my leader wrapped around something as I was preparing to net it. Without thinking, I switched on the flashlight, and you know what happened then, right?

It had all started the week before, as I boarded the North Star to do a bit of fishing with the boys. It didn't make any difference what we were going for, I was out for a day of pleasant camaraderie amongst some of the nicest people you'll ever meet in your life—the captain, crew and passengers of one of our party boats. If a few flounder or porgies or even some blackfish or bluefish ended up in the pail and then eventually on our dining table, so much the better—it was like icing on the cake. But the prime drawing card was a chance to spend a pleasant day afloat, and the Good Lord knows we all can sure use some pleasant days in our lives, afloat or not! During the pre-sailing, good-natured bantering that goes on between most of us almost always, Eddie told me that he had access to Capt. Pete's skiff, and that any time I wanted to do so, we could try for some early morning local striped bass. Now, you mention striped bass to me and immediately I become attentive. Me and old Roccus have had an on-going love affair that surpasses in time if not passion, the 30-plus years that Eileen and I have endured. Naturally, I quickly arranged a mutually acceptable date, swapped phone numbers with Eddie and then went into the galley to see Milton, our cook, for some of his insipid coffee and sardonic wit.

Eddie Que Pasa, aboard the North Star before she sailed, with the two stripers caught in the City Island area.

The trip was nice, productive and congenial, but that story must be told at some later date because here it serves only to introduce the main topic: striped bass in the City Island vicinity. There's nothing new about that, or about our unique trolling method, unique at least for this area. It's been written about many times and, in fact, I have had two such stories published in The Fisherman myself. It seems appropriate though,

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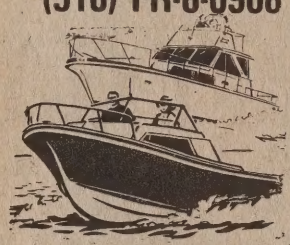

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in light of many newcomers to our sport in this area, to recap the technique once again and hope that some of you will some day take advantage of it and score with a few school bass yourselves.

Many years ago, when oars were the main means of propelling small boats (hence the term at that time for "rowboat" instead of skiff) possibly the most popular and probably the best productive method of catching striped bass was trolling worms up close to rocky shores. Most everyone used some sort of spinner, hence the term "worm and spinner" came into use for this technique. The spinner used was usually always either a Cape Cod or a June Bug spinner and it was let out a distance behind a slowly-rowed boat, as close to the boulders along shore as possible. Trailing from the hook attached to the spinner was a fat, juicy sandworm, pinned through the hard part of the head so that the worm wiggled enticingly behind the flashing blades. The flash attracted the bass holding behind the boulders and the worm proved their undoing when they came to investigate. The popularity of this technique was reduced somewhat with the advent of mechanization on the fishing scene. New outboard motors kept getting bigger and more powerful, proving too much of a good thing can be no good at times. The motors could not throttle-down to speeds slow enough to imitate the perfect passageway provided by the old "ash breeze," as rowing was called, and their underwater exhausts turned bass off.

The technique is still highly productive though, so we improvise a bit to obtain maximum advantage. If speed is the problem, a small motor can be utilized, either an electric or a gasoline type specifically created for trolling. And if underwater exhausts bother the bass, a longer line could be the answer, presenting your offering after the bass has had ample time to recover from its initial shock. When we thought we had those problems licked, we found that the bergall population had assumed such gigantic proportions that even spinner baits weren't safe from them any longer, because of their tendency to ride low in the water, a little too close to bergall heaven, down among the rocks on bottom. To keep our precious worms safe for striped bass consumption only, we needed something to buoy them up, a cork or float of some type or other. Something that could be trolled. We settled on big, seven inch floating plugs; they did the job all right—better than we ever dreamed! They floated beautifully, as well or better than any cork float we ever saw, and their shape is ideal for trolling because they look just like a fish, and swim like a fish, too! That's the part we never figured on. That swimming, undulating movement the plug made while under way gave an added wiggle to our worms, making them even more irresistible with a shimmying, hip-weaving action no bass could refuse. But, to make the whole package complete, some adjustments to the plug are necessary before hand.

First of all, remove all treble hooks and split ring connectors; on most seven inch swimming or floating plugs there are generally two sets of treble hooks and two split ring connectors, at least on the plugs we use. Connect both split rings together and then connect one of them to the tail hook holder. A large hook is now attached to the second split ring, so that it rides through the water with the point up. Simple adjustments of the split rings will accomplish this easily. The hook can be anywhere from 5/0 to 10/0, depending on how big the bass you think you're gonna catch will be. We opt, generally, for a 5/0 Sproat or O'Shaughnessy hook with a ringed eye, as any bent or kirbed hooks and hooks with turned-up or turned-down eyes will spin in the water. Connect a small Sampo ball bearing swivel to the end of your line, tie one end of a three foot leader to the swivel and the other end directly to your plug—and there you have it. Leader strength depends upon line and tackle being used, but we frown on real heavy mono because it's really not called for in this case, and we have never had any problems with leaders up to and including 30 pound stuff, with the fish found around here most of the time.

On our appointed date, we set out at 3AM of a Tuesday morning, about halfway up on an incoming tide, made the short trip to Hart Island in about 10 minutes and were into our trolling pattern in less time than you can imagine. On our second go-round, Eddie grunted in the darkness as he pitted more than 200 pounds of Puerto Rican muscle against what proved to be slightly under six pounds of striped bass, and just for a second there I thought the bass was gonna win! But class will always tell in the end, and in a few minutes I netted a nice schoolie for my perspiring friend and we resumed our trolling. I wish I could say that we knocked 'em dead that day, or even that we had a decent catch; but by the time the bottom has fallen out of the tide altogether, that one striper was laying in our fish box like the Long Ranger waiting for Tonto.

"That's it, Amigo," Eddie said, "it's time to go now, and besides, the tide is finished anyhow." "Well, we tried," I countered, "let's go." "There might be a bit of tide left off Rodman's," Eddie said, "on this side of Turtle Cove. If so, maybe we can get another few shots at the fish before we quit." "Let's go," I said again, and off we went, to that point of land I was talking about when I started this story. When we got there, we decided that it was too shallow at that time to fish safely. We didn't want to get grounded in the semi-darkness, especially directly across from the North Star, where our plight could be seen by sarcastic friends

with enduring memories. "Oh well, let's drift and cast bucktails into the rock for a little while. It's still a little too early to start working," remarked my friend, who was trying his darnedest to get me to catch a bass. After all, if I caught anything at all, I was with him, right? He was the skipper and it would look good for him as well as for me, right?

Friends know me as a tackle freak. I love good fishing tackle, and it does not have to be very expensive to please me, either. Cosmetics don't mean a thing; I've had beautiful rods that felt lousy and plain rods that performed wonderully. Felt like a good rod should, if you know what I mean. That day I was given a dream come true, in the form of a graphite rod made by the Browning people and a new Mitchell spinning reel, also a product of Browning. The rod is their seven foot Midas Graphite model #742957. Light, with a fast tip, it is also stiff enough in the butt to set a hook solidly and beat any fish I've ever seen in Long Island Sound. The reel was a Mitchell 4450 intermediate spin reel. On the reel I had a spoolful of Ande's new super soft mono line, in a clear color, going 10 pound test only because I'm a dreamer and always envision that 30 or 40 pound cow grabbing onto my lure! For a bucktail, I reached into my pocket and yanked out an all-black, quarter-ounce Boone Shad Jig. This one lure alone has accounted for more fish here, for me, than any other, and I try never to be without a few of them in my pockets every time I go fishing. Funny thing, the all-black jig seems to produce the best in this end of the Sound, regardless of time, tide, or what-have-you.

The jig was tipped with a juicy, squirming sandworm, rigged to trail off the bend of the hook and looking like a snake with St. Vitus Dance in the water. For those of you who don't know what St. Vitus' Dance is, ask your folks or your grandparents—you're too young to know and chances are your folks are too young to remember. The rig cast beautifully and the tackle was flawless, but I was starting to get a little nervous because we were running out of time and would be leaving in a few minutes. That last "Hail Mary" cast bounced off a huge boulder and slid down the back side, prompting some muttered cursing from yours truly. Eddie pushed the skiff towards the rock as I retrieved some line, dragging the jig through the weeds along the rocky bottom. When I got the hit, I thought I was stuck, until the fish started taking line out against the drag. I put all the pressure on it that I dared, horsing the fish over to the boat, where it wrapped the line around the prop, or something, prompting that fiasco I told you about earlier. Luckily, we netted the fish somehow, and then called it quits. It was time to stop and go fishing, even though, as Eddie said, we had gotten our "bass before breakfast!"

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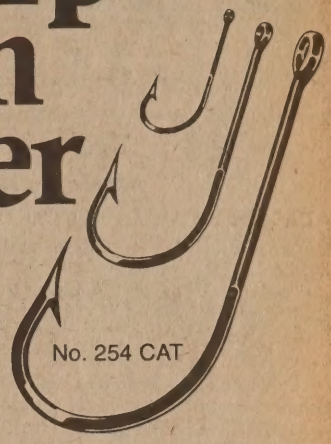

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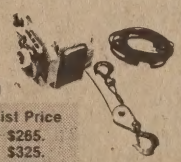

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LOOK SHALLOW FOR EARLY BIGMOUTH'S

by Tom Schlichter

The key to Long Island bassing during the first few weeks of the season is working that "skinny water."

The first Saturday in June traditionally marks the opening of the black bass season in Long Island waters. While the opening of the bass season is much less heralded than that of the trout season, there are a fair number of fishermen who feel the real fishing season has not begun until that first bigmouth is in the bucket. I'm one of those anglers. I never miss the April trout opener. I get my share of early season flounder and blackfish and, with a little luck, some nice size weaks by the end of May. Still, that first Saturday in June is reserved for old bucketmouth no matter how well the other species may be biting. Simply put, I love bass fishing.

Early season bass differ markedly in their habits from those of midsummer and fall. Midsummer bigmouths seek out and feed in the coolest waters of a lake. The time period between 8AM and 6PM is normally spent sulking under tree branches, docks or in deep water holes. By July, these fish have the benefit of a great deal of weed cover; i.e., lily pads, to hide them from their prey. The majority of their feeding will be done in the early and late part of the day when the sun is at its weakest.

Fall bass, on the other hand, feed voraciously (though still during the early and late part of the day), trying to build up their stores of fat for the winter ahead. Fall fish tend to have a great deal of energy and will actively pursue most offerings they perceive as edible.

Early season bass by comparison do not appear overly energetic. These fish have just come off a hard winter. They are typically lean and somewhat weaker than their summer and fall counterparts because their fat reserves have been depleted. In addition, the spring spawning process takes its toll on a great number of bass. As the waters are crystal clear and vegetation minimal at this time of the season, bass have a tougher time ambushing their prey. This might lead the novice basser to think they would quickly jump on any offering to cross their path. Not so. While the clear water may make it harder for largemouths to surprise their quarry, it also affords them a good, clear look at the angler's offering.

The most important difference between early bass and those caught later in the season is based on their reaction to water temperature. Since water temperatures in Long Island lakes are generally cooler than bass prefer (largemouths are most active about 72° F), early season fish seek out the warmest waters of their environment. Since it is the shallow areas of lakes that heat up first, the ticket to success is to fish shallow!

Gripping a bass by the lower jaw allows for easy hook removal and release.

Now I know you've all read major publications explaining how largemouth bass hold in deep water during the winter and early spring. Many of these articles inform us, correctly, that the 25 to 30 foot depths are much warmer than the surface waters and thus, hold more bass. The fact of the matter is that these articles are not written for Long Island anglers. They are tailored more to the southern fishermen working huge, deep impoundments. I ask you, how many Long Island lakes can you name which contain a fair amount of fishable water over 30 feet deep? I rest my case. It's a well known fact to Long Island bassers that the majority of our lakes average between five and eight feet deep.

A few years back, I spent much of the first couple of weeks of the season fishing the only 10 foot hole in a small pond near my home. I fished right on the bottom, where those bass should have been. My score for the week was two sunnies. The reason for my lack of success was that all the bass in that lake were sunning themselves in one to three feet of water. Boy, did I feel like a fool when a 10-year-old girl, fishing with her brother, caught two, 12 inch bass in a foot of water further down the shore. It's easy to see the reason why bass move to the shallows: one to three feet of water

heats up much faster than the eight to ten foot depths. The bass leave the depths for the warmer water of the flats.

Early season bassing is especially suited to the shore-bound angler. Any fisherman with waders can often reach shallow areas not accessible to boaters. The biggest drawback to fishing shallow is that bass on the flats are extremely wary. Clumsy wading or banging tackle boxes (especially in aluminum boats) will quickly empty the immediate area of any self-respecting bass. A good tip for boaters is to place some old carpet on the floor to absorb any accidental noise.

One word of caution to waders before I continue: be careful of mud. Many Long Island lake bottoms are covered with a gooey muck. Although the water may appear to be a foot or two deep, the mud may continue for another foot or two. This mud creates great suction and is extremely difficult to free yourself from once you are stuck. If you feel the mud going more than five or six inches deep, go no further. Better safe than sorry.

Because of the crystal clear water and shallow depths you will be working, light tackle is a prerequisite. A light 5½ to 6½ foot rod, coupled with a small spinning reel capable of handling four to eight pound test line, is sufficient. Such an outfit should allow you to cast your bait without the added weight of split shots or bobbins, which tend to spool shallow bass. Have no fear of using light lines. The waters this time of the year are pretty clear of weeds and the shallow water prevents bass from diving deep and entangling you in some unseen obstruction. There are a few situations that a properly set drag and patience cannot outlast. Be alert for hooked fish that jump. The lack of depth encourages spectacular top water fights and, if you are not ready for a bass' aerial exploits, you could find yourself with a thrown hook or broken line.

As far as bait is concerned, it's my belief that natural baits are the way to go in spring. As mentioned previously, early season largemouths are not as active as their fall counterparts. In addition, they are extremely cautious when feeding in shallow waters. These fish need a little time to make up their minds when presented with a meal. Natural baits can be worked slowly, quietly, and I think the added attraction of smell gives them a distinct advantage over artificials. This is not to say artificials are useless. They do have their place, especially when used by expert anglers, but, for the average Joe, I think naturals would better serve the purpose.

I rely primarily on two types of bait for my spring bassin'—night crawlers and saltwater killies. Night crawlers can easily be gathered by anyone willing to look for them (see Matt Ahern's article—date ?). Large crawlers, in the four to six inch range, work the best. Simply hook your worm one time under the collar with a #10 Eagle Claw hook and cast. No bobbins or sinkers—natural is the key. Allow your worm to settle to the bottom for a minute or two and then reel it back slowly, being sure to keep it within a few inches of bottom. If you feel a pickup, allow a second or two for the bass to swallow your offering before striking. The problem with using night crawlers is that sunnies and perch can be a nuisance. However, if you fish through them, you will succeed in catching your share of bass.

Killies may be purchased from many tackle shops on the Island or can be trapped using a killie pot left overnight in a local marina or shallow saltwater creek. Using the same hook as used for the nightcrawlers, rig your killies by hooking them just below the dorsal fin or through both lips. Cast out and allow this tempting morsel to swim unimpeded into the belly of a hungry bass. Fish with your bail in the open position and allow any striking fish eight to ten feet of line before setting your hook. Most bass will grab your killie and run five or six feet, stop to swallow the bait, and take off again. As soon as Mr. Bass starts off on his second run, set your hook and hold on!

Since weed cover is not very prevalent, any cover you can find is a good bet to hold bass. Underwater obstructions, a submerged log or rock, a small pier or sunken raft are all excellent places to cast. Oftentimes, bass are found lying just outside concentrations of sunfish spawn beds. Small shoals and especially shallow coves produce well. Because of the shallow water, it is easy to spot fish on the move. If you eye a wake, cast just ahead of it and be ready for action.

It's a good idea to make a trek to your favorite bass pond a day or two prior to opening day. Check the shallows for signs of feeding fish. Make a mental note of any bass you see and check these places first on opening day.

Whereas summer and fall fishing is primarily restricted to early morning and late evening, it is not unusual to find spring bass feeding at ten or twelve in the afternoon, especially during the first two weeks of the season.

Before starting out, be sure to purchase your freshwater fishing license and be aware of the ten inch minimum size limit. If you find bass still on their spring spawning beds, please leave them alone. Taking those fish will only disturb future stocks. A five pound bass sitting on a spawning bed is very tempting but, if you take that fish, you'll always feel guilty about it, unless, of course, you release her.

Well, that about sums it up. Remember, stalk your prey quietly, fish slowly with naturals and light tackle and GO SHALLOW. Follow these simple rules and you've got a head start on spring bass.

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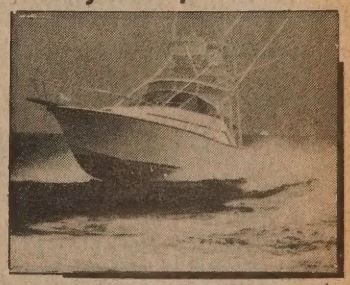

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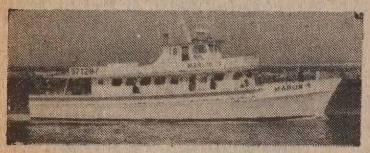

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East End REPORT
with Bob Lee

One more weekend of at least one day of rain and wind. How many weekends does it make? The fishing is fair to good depending on what you're looking for. The boys here on the East End are loaded with small bluefish. Porgies, sea bass, blackfish are being taken in good numbers also. The flounder action is fair and fluke fishing has improved. Weakfishing is slow with most of the action taking place at night. Offshore cod and pollack fishing is good, but not like it was last week or the week before.

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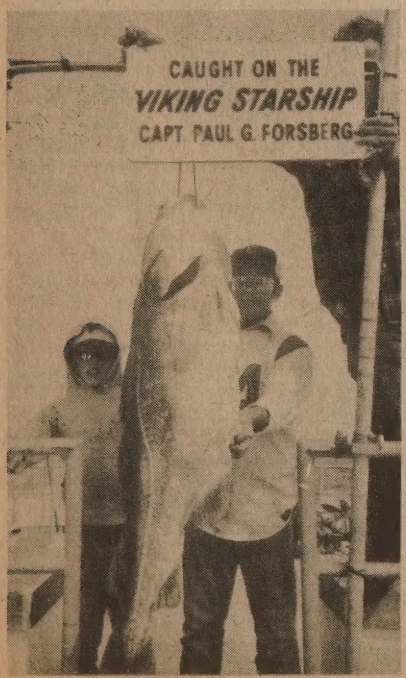
First place winner of the Georges Bank trip was Bill Arvalek of Flushing with a 56 lb. cod. Second place went to Wayne J. Sweeny of Bellrose with a



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Diane Miller of Amityville, caught this potential world record pollock (new 16 lb. class—women's) on a diamond jig and tube combo at Block Island. A member of the Amity Harbor Fishing Club, she weighed her prize at Montauk Marine Basin.

54 lb. cod. These two anglers shared $2000 in prize money.

Captain Richie Rade, skipper of the **Marlin Fleet** reports good pollack action south of Block Island. These fish are big, running 25 to 30 lbs. Some cod are being taken also. The **Marlin V** is now sailing 1/2 day trips and doing very well on flounder, sea bass, porgies and blackfish. Fluke fishing has picked up considerably also. See LIF ad for details.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** reports he is now on a 6AM daily schedule for porgies for the next 2½ to 3 weeks. This run of porgies are in the 2½ to 3½ lb. class. See LIF ad for specials in diamond jigging weaks and fluke fishing.

Captain Phil Lewis, skipper of the charter boat **Adios** reports pollack fishing was excellent most of last week. Gerry Kumoga and party had over 30 pollock in the 25 to 35 lb. range in just a few hours. The weary anglers tiring from pulling in the big fish decided to leave the pollack fishing and try for bass. Unfortunately the bass were not as prolific as the pollack. There have been a few bass taken and the signs look positive. Sand eels moved in Sunday and bass fishing should break loose any day. Bluefish have started to trickle in the Block Island area.

The **Ebb Tide Charter Service** called to tell us that pollock fishing is excellent southeast of Block Island. The flounder action is still holding up very well off Gardiners Island. The first shark of the season was caught 30 miles south of the Point.

The **Gone Fishing Marina** called to say flounder fishing is still holding up

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very well. The charter boats **Alyssa Ann** and **Nostalgia II** are returning to the docks loaded with flounder, sea bass and blackfish. On Sunday, the **Alyssa Ann** with Rudy Monterosa and Peter Perez aboard had 66 flounder to 4 lbs., 7 sea bass to 3 lbs. and half dozen blackfish to 5 lbs. They fished Gardiner's Island and Washington Shoals using clam bait and lots of clam chum.

The **Nostalgia II** with the O'Leary boys aboard fishing Eastern Plains Point and outer Shagwong. They caught a mixed bag of flounder, sea bass and blowfish.

Captain Ron Grandinetti, skipper of the **Julie III** reports that Friday the Waterstone party from Bergen County, NJ caught 73 flounder up to 2 lbs. 15 oz. Mixed in with the flounder were 12 porgies and 9 sea bass. On Sunday, Carl White and friends from Queens had a terrific day of fishing at Jacklands & Culloden Pt. This group had 93 flounder up to 3¾ lbs. Half the flounder were in the 2-2¾ lb. range.

Ralph Castelli and pals with part of a 28 bass catch made on Ava jigs last fall. Fishing was done aboard Capt. John DeMaio's montauk charter boat "Vivienne."

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach, skipper of the **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric** reports excellent night fishing for weaks all week. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein of Noyac caught 8 big weaks and 30 bluefish in just a few hours fishing time. On Friday, Al Daniels and friends caught 11 weaks and 55 bluefish. The weaks are running up to 14½ lbs. and over. The **Wilhelric** has been catching over 300 weaks and blues every night. Captain Lach said the boat will continue to sail Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights for weaks and blues. Weather permitting Gardiner's Island flounder fishing remains excellent. These flatties are smaller but they are still around in good numbers. Porgy fishing is hot and cold with some anglers getting 20 fish for the day and others catching 50 or 60 porgies.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** reports a few weakfish are being taken in Noyac Bay, Jessups and the South Ferry. Bluefish are mixed in with the weaks and are just about everywhere. Flounder action still holding at Cedar Point, but the fishing is getting less productive everyday. The porgies have taken some of slack at Cedar Pt. and blowfish had made a strong showing all over the Sag Harbor area.

In **Noyac** Barbara of **Noyac Marina** reports on Sunday Don Manger of Greenpoint, Brooklyn caught a 7¾ lb. fluke while fishing aboard Capt. Smith's boat the Gigolo. School size weakfish, bluefish and porgies are all over Noyac Bay.

In **Southampton** Thom Speck of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** reports porgies still holding up in the Peconics at buoys 16, 18 and 22. Small weaks are competing with the bluefish in the Peconics and Noyac Bay. The head boats are doing well at night on weaks and blues. Fluke fishing is excellent in Shinnecock Bay. Flounder fishing is good off Gardiner's Island and Eastern Plains Pt. Porgies have made a showing at this area in recent days.

Captain Ken Malone, skipper of the **Jenny Rose** based at **Shinnecock Canal** reports plenty of jumbo porgies are being caught at the Middle Grounds all week. Sea bass and blackfish up to 8 lbs. are mixed in. The night weakfishing continues to be excellent.

In **Hampton Bays** Lenny of **Molnar's Landing Marina** reports, fluke and blues were the name of the game this past weekend. Flounder catches

Jim Delano, Al Bilello, Frank Murphy, and Nick Panzarino with 81 flounder to 2 lbs. taken in Shinnecock Bay. Photo courtesy of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

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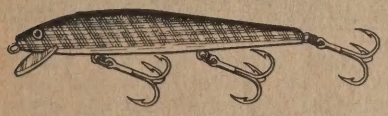
have slowed considerably due to the fact everyone has switched to fluke. Most of the fluke caught are keepers with doormats in the 5-6 lb. range being caught every now and then. Shiners, squid and sand eels are best in the bait department. Lenny cautions everyone to keep an eye on the size of the fluke (14 inches is legal) as bay constables are out and checking catches. Small cocktail blues in the 2-4 lb. range are all over Shinnecock Bay. Catches of 50 to 60 of these fish are not uncommon. Trolling wire line and umbrella rigs is turning the trick on these fish. The striped bass action is still slow with a few fish falling for bucktails or wire and umbrella rigs. Lenny said big game shark fishing is just around the corner so get your tackle ready. Molnar's Marina has some dock space available; see LIF ad for details.

In **Hampton Bays** Charlie at **Corr's Fishing Marina** reports good fluke fishing at south end of the Shinnecock Canal. The east channel has a good population of fluke also. Squid, spearing and sand eels are best in the bait department. Flounder are still around but everyone seems to have switched to fluke. Saturday morning the bluefish went crazy all over the bay. Fishermen who ventured out in the rain loaded up on them. On Sunday Bob Rahn and friend caught 28 blues in the 2-3 lb. range using Hopkins lures near the inlet.



South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

South shore fishing showed some encouraging signs in recent days. Fluke have begun to make their presence felt in Moriches Bay but fishing for winter flatties still remains the best bet.

Small blues were in good supply in both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets and some bigger blues, most in the 4-6 pound range, were located in 80' of water SE of F.I. Inlet. The first blue shark of the season was taken out of Fire Island Inlet on Sunday and Great South Bay weakfishing came to life around the middle of last week after a horrendous May. Some of the best catches of the season were made on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with some good scores reported as recently as Sunday. Fluke fishing is fair overall but perks up each time a new body of fish moves into the Bay. Bassfishing in both areas is poor.

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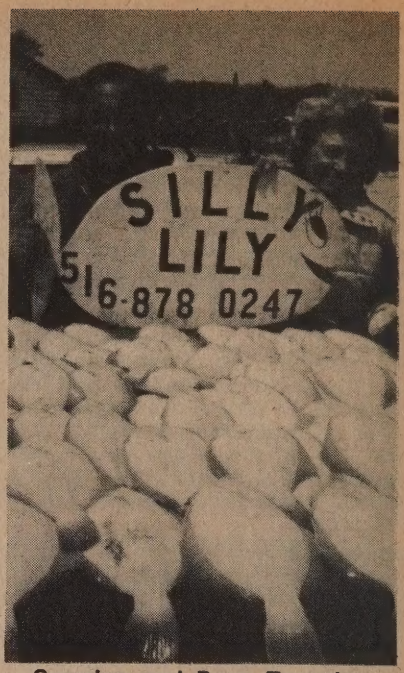


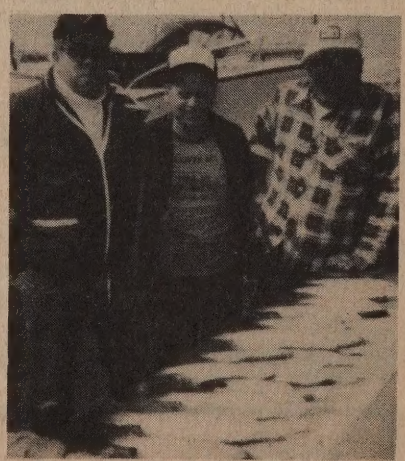
Carmine and Rose Esposito with their catch of 67 flounder taken on a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Before getting into this week's report, the entire Fisherman staff would like to extend its condolences to Al Lassen and the crew over at **Hi-Way Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. We were saddened to learn that "Momma" Lassen, a fixture on the Moriches Bay fishing front since 1947 passed away on Saturday night. I am sure many readers will find something lacking in their sojourns to this flatfish haven with "Mama" gone.

On a brighter note, flounder fishing remains very good in the Bay and fluke are gradually making their presence felt. One of the best fluke scores reported from the area was made by Jim Giunta on Sunday. Fishing out of Hi-Way Fishing Station, Jim worked the buoy 27 area with sand eels and racked up a score of 35 keeper fluke. George Forrest and Gordon Williams picked on the winter flatties for their action. They picked away pretty good as they finished up the day with 97 flounder taken near buoy 29. Bob Mignerey of the station said that many boats returned with 50-60 flatties on Sunday most fish between buoys 35 and 39. Saturday was a washout with the heavy rain and wind of early morning.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** said that flounder fishing is holding up well with catches ranging anywhere from 30 to 70 flatties per boat. Best action on the Ebb tide is found south of buoy 34



Part of a 55 fish catch is displayed by Ed King, Kirk Bryson and Jim Greene. The trio took the flatties at buoy 42 in Moriches Bay on sand worms and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of L&M Marine in East Moriches.

while Haven's Point continues to get a heavy play on the flood. Worms and mussel or clam chum have been turning the trick in both spots. Bill Thomason fished south of 34 on Sunday and finished up with 72 flatties up to 2 pounds. Some fluke are at the Elbow and at buoys 38 and 39 with lots of small blues also in these areas. Jay Buckner returned on Friday with 8 fluke and 25 blues.

Jim DeVita said that buoys 36 to 39 have been productive on the Ebb and added that there has been a good sprinkling of blowfish here along with the flounder. He dittoed Gary's report of good action at Haven's Point on incoming water. Joe Sander single-handedly put away 52 flatties at the latter spot on Sunday. Same day, Dave Roys and his family totalled 70 flounder working both locations. Jime spoke of a decent showing of fluke south of buoy 36 in the Elbow but added that many of the fish are shorts. Lots of small blues in the same area being taken on small tins.

Over at **L & M Marine**, Larry Dallaire said that flounder remain the best bet though the showing of fluke has been encouraging. On Sunday, Ed Sprindy and his young daughter Kim had 35 nice flounder at the Elbow. Blues in the 2-4 pound class have been roaming the inlet in good numbers. The charter boat **Tender Loving Care** trolled 16 blues on Thursday evening.

The **Moriches Bay** open boat **Capt. Leo D** reported good flounder action between buoys 27 and 29 this week. Capt. Chip said that during slack water they have been working on blackfish at the inlet and have had a pick of fish with some going 3-4 pounds. The skipper tried fluking this past week but found mostly shorts for his efforts.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** heard from several customers that there was a flurry of weakfish action around West Island in recent days though no fish were put on the scales. Paul felt that most people had given up on the weaks after a dismal spring and were instead concentrating on fluke. He called the fluking decent but nothing spectacular and added that plenty of small blues in the bay and inlet had been keeping anglers busy. One of the shop regulars trecked over to Miller Place on the the North Shore and returned with a nice catch of blackfish. Doc Ganetis showed 9 blackfish up to 6½ pounds taken from the shore at Miller Place.

Matt and John Viol with 90 flounder taken at Haven's Point in Moriches Bay on blood worms and mussel chum. Fishing was done out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

A good mix of blowfish, fluke and small blues at buoys 17 and 18 and at Ocean Beach according to Vinny at **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville**. Also, some nice weaks taken near the end of last week at Ocean Beach and West Channel. A few small weaks being taken from the West Sayville Town Dock at the foot of West Ave.

John DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of a good showing of weaks in West Channel on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. A number of boatmen had catches of 4-6 tiderunners during the evening hours. Fluke fishing has bee n fair to good, improving each time a new body of fish moves in. Lots of small blues in the bay and inlet with a big body of 3-6 pounders found in 80' of water south of the lighthouse over the weekend.

Louie Bontempo wound up the winner of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle**'s Spring Weakfish Contest. Louie's 13.4 pound tiderunner earned him a custom built rod and reel outfit from the **East Islip** tackle shop. Irene Cioffi of Peppy's, noted that weaks seem to make a comeback this past week and added that her son Michael decided to check out some of the reports on his own on Sunday evening. The young angler racked up 3 weaks to 9 pounds fishing West Channel with sand worm

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and squid combos. All of his fish were taken on ultra-light spinning gear and 4 pound test mono. Small blues in the 1-4 pound class are roaming all over the bay and Irene labelled the fluking pretty decent on most days between the Lighthouse and the Inlet.

Fair fluking from the Inlet to the Bridge and some nicer size fish at the junction of Dickerson and Snake Hill Channels according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Carl knew of good weakfishing on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week and also checked out a catch of 11 weaks made at Ocean Beach on Sunday, despite the boat traffic, by Larry from the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club. Plenty of blues from the 3-6 pound range taken on Sunday in 80' of water SE of F.I. Inlet and small blues are inside the bay spread from Ocean Beach to the Inlet. Good number of blowfish are being taken by sinker bouncers near West Island and casters working the Sore Thumb with green crabs have been making some decent scores of blackfish.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** said that fluking continues good on most days. Friday was one of the better days of the week with fares taking 6-10 keepers per man and hi-hook finishing up with 15 of the summer flatties. Individual catches on most days range between 4-6 keepers per man. Barbara Affelt had a 6 pound pool winner to go along with 9 other fluke on Thursday's trip. Louis Vitale, who had a 7.4 pounder on Tuesday, is the current leader in the boat's free Fishing For Life contest. Neil has been working West Island, Sexton Island and the Lighthouse and has been sailing two trips daily at 7:30 and 4PM.

Over at **Captree**, Capt. Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** said

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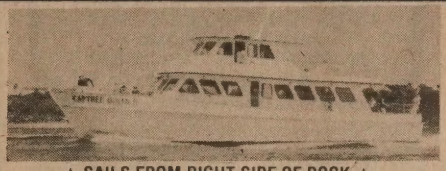

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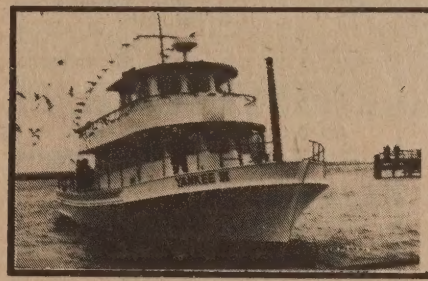

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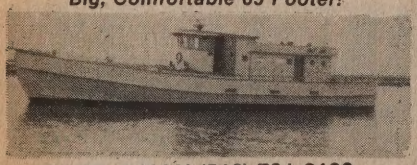
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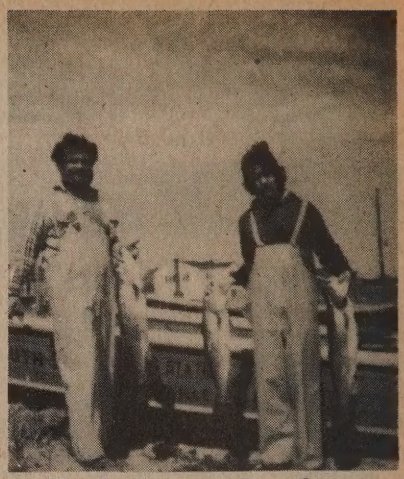
Mike Gardner and Dave Crocco display a trio of tiderunner weaks taken on sand/jelly worm combos near Ocean Beach. The pair fished out of South Bay Fishing Station in W. Sayville.

that there are plenty of fluke around. On Saturday, despite the weather the skipper called the fishing exceptional with many fares racking up scores of 15-20 keepers. Sunday was another story as fares picked away during the day. Rod noted though that boats working the inlet on Sunday fared better than boats working back in the bay.

Noel Kappauf who runs the **Captree Bait Station** weighed an 8.9 pound fluke taken in Fire Island Inlet by Larry Lemon. The doormat was taken aboard a private boat on Friday. Same day, Eugene Sheren and Sandra and Chuck Hoffman stopped by the station to show 8 weaks to 13 pounds taken in West Channel on Jelly Worms.

Back to the open boats, I spoke to Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** who told of a couple of slow days during the week but added that a new body of fish apparently moved into the inlet on the weekend resulting in real good fishing on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday's trip a small crowd (due to the poor weather conditions) of 20 fares put away over 200 keepers. Bob Pace led the way with 31 keepers. Charlie has been working between the bridge and the inlet and has found his best action on outgoing water.

Aboard the brand new **Capt. Scotty 3**, Capt. George Tweety spoke of very good fluking on Saturday while the average catch was 7-10 keepers per man, a few fares managed 14 or 15 fish. Weakfishing perked up on Saturday night and small blues continue to be a part of this action. George felt that the increase in water temperature has prompted the weaks to be a little more active. Most of the fish taken are in the 9-12 pound range.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** who has been working between Fire Island Lighthouse and

the Inlet said that fluking remained pretty good this past week with 4-12 keepers per man the catch range on most days. Gordon has also been taking fish in the State Channel and said that the current keeper ratio is hovering around 50%. The skipper felt that Sunday's action was off a bit due to very heavy boat traffic. All of the usual fluke baits have been effective.

Capt. Jack Stoddard of the **Luci III** called the fluking fair with a lot of shorts being taken. The **Babylon** skipper has been working both the State Channel and the Inlet and has been finding his best action on the last part of the Ebb. Spearing and squid combos working best in the bait department.

Speaking from **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Mickey Chiarenza said that the Serena II and the Three Hearts each returned to the dock on Sunday with approx. 125 blues apiece. The fish were found in 80-100' of water SE of F.I. Inlet. Most were in the 4-6 pound class. On Sunday, Ralph Perrone of the Babylon Tuna Club clicked with the first blue shark of the season. The 90 pound fish was taken SE of the Inlet in 180' of water aboard the Miss Philly. A small mako estimated at around 50-60 pounds was dropped during the day. This action took place on Sunday as well. Weakfishing improved this week with some good scores made during the evening hours according to Mickey. Lots of small blues in the Inlet area, flounder fishing continues good in the Sore Thumb Pocket and fluking has been fair to midland.

Dennis McCarthy checked in a 9.3 pound weak at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** on Sunday. It was taken near East Island. Mike Andreani, who weighed the fish, said that the best bet for fluking in the area remains between the R.M. Bridge and the Inlet. The bay is well supplied with small blues and there has been a very good showing of blue claw crabs at the Lindenhurst Town Dock. Blackfishing has been excellent on local wrecks and reefs with the biggest tautog coming from the Rota Wreck.

According to Marie Combs at **Combs Bait and Tackle**, good blackfishing continues at the 3rd Wantagh Bridge on green crabs. Flounder fishing has been good just to the east and west of the same bridge while fluke are being taken in fair numbers near West Island, Four Corners and off of Unqua Point. A few school bass were taken by local sharpies around the bridges this past week.

The Heller family with 66 flounder caught off of the "Cement Block" on mussels. The catch was checked at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

This past week has shown fair to excellent catches of flounder, fluke, sea bass, blackfish, a few stripers, some porgies, a couple of weakfish and what appears to be the first strong showing of bluefish of the season in this area. Mixed bag fishing or loading up on one species is pretty much the picture for the knowledgeable angler.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The **Seaford** open boat **Chinco III** has begun fluking everyday and finds an improvement daily. On the full days this week, the high hook for the week was 13 keeper fluke. Saturday was a washout. Sunday's AM trip again saw good fluke catches for fares, these catches averaging 6-10 keepers a man. The PM trip was slower due to all of the boat traffic. Fluke appeared to be spread out all over the bay and in a biting mood. Sand eels have been working best.

According to **Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle**, on Sunday Paul and Guy Compart of Holbrook worked Lloyd's Neck with 3/4 oz. Hopkins and took 8 small blues in the 2-3 lb. range and three weakfish in the 8-11 lb. range. The local fishing says Lon is excellent with big flounder being caught best at the top of outgoing at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges and Zachs Bay. With the second bridge being particularly hot. Worm bait and lots of chum is the ticket. Fluke are all over the bay with a fair pick and Sloop Channel being best on killies and sand eels with incoming tide being best. A few blowfish at the bridges and also a few weaks and stripers

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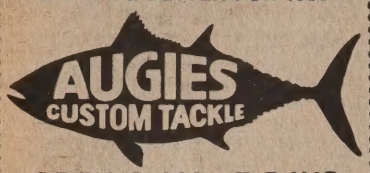

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here and there, particularly in State Channel in the early morning hours on poppers. Mixed blues on umbrellas in Fire Island Inlet and Jones Inlet. Watch for birds and paper scratches. Meadowbrook Bridge is your best bet for hefty blackfish.

From **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** we learn of good fluke catches (one-third keeper ratio) being made in Great Island Channel, State Channel and at the Wantagh Bridges. Plenty of blackfish on clam, fiddlers and greenies at the drawbridge up to 4⅔ lbs. Flounder catches have been excellent at Squaw Island with Joel Budnetz bagging up 25 big flatties Sunday on worms and clam chum. Some sea bass mixed in with all this.

There's good fluking now said John at **Pop's Fishing Station**. On Tuesday nine keeper fluke to 18 inches was the reward for Carl Dinkle, Bill Kenny and Elvin Alive. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer on Friday racked up 58 good flounder on worms and mussel chum at the Jones Beach piers with daughter Pam bagging a 2 lb. 3 oz. flounder and a Skillful Angling Award for her efforts. Flounder are mostly from the Meadowbrook Bridge west. Fluke are being picked from the 3rd Wantagh to Jones. The weekend saw fair catches for the rental skiffs, with 20 keeper fluke being the average catch.

A call from Sal at **Custom Tackle** told of 1-3 pound bluefish being caught just outside all the inlets on tins and on umbrellas. A customer by the name of Jerry working a bucktail in Swift Creek hung an 8 lb. fluke which Sal weighed in. Good fluke catches at all the inlets on killies, sand eels and squid and combinations thereof.

It's blues at the Jones Inlet area said Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**, fish 1-3 lbs. hitting small tins and Rebels. Fluke have been a good item this week in Jones Inlet and Reynolds Channel with lots of throwbacks and keepers just making it as keepers.

A call from Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** in **Merrick** told of continued very strong flounder catches in Broad Creek and Sloop Channel by the phone booths and north of the Jones Beach Piers. Worms are working best on incoming. Blackfish are still a good item at the bridges on clam, worm or fiddler crab. A 12 lb. blackfish was hoisted by Norm Kalish at the Meadowbrook bridge fishing a green crab. Lots of fluke being caught locally in Swift and Fundy Creeks, but lots of short mixed in . A 23 lb. striper was caught by Bass sharpie Dennis Newman Monday morning on a live bunker in Haunts Creek. Two to 4 lb. blues being trolled outside Jones on small umbrellas.

Going to the **Freeport Fleet**, charter boat **Nan-Sea** on Sunday fished a charter for Bob Matson and fishing west of the HA had a load of 8-15 lb. bluefish on light tackle. An estimated 100 lb. dusky shark was played on light tackle for a half hour before the line finally popped.

The **Starstream** reported generally good catches all week long on blacks, sea bass and ling. Saturday was weathered out but Sunday bounced back with fair catches for all aboard, mainly ling followed by the bass and blacks.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** we learned that last Sunday's Trip for Rocky Divone and a group from Waldbaum's in Baldwin had a fair pick of flounder working Swift Creek and the CG station on worms. Friday's trip for Chemical Bank, NY had decent fluking at the inlet, Reynolds and in local creeks on sand eels, killie and squid. Saturday's trip for the Masonic Lodge of Northvale, N.J. also had good fluking in the same areas. Though hampered by weather in the AM, things picked up nicely in the afternoon's tide. Sunday's trip was a charter for Bob Bozak and group from Newsday. Fluking was tough with all the very heavy boat traffic, the good weather. Even so, the charter picked away on the flatfish.

The word from skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that on the full day boat super flounder catches have been made all week with high hooks being 50 to 80 keepers per trip. The boat always takes a few fluke drifts in the afternoons as well. On the half day boat, best fluking has been on the AM tides with high hook for the week being 17 keeper fluke and 4½ lbs. the largest fluke of the week. All local spots are being worked and some blowfish, blacks, sea bass are mixed in.

Horrible sea conditions kept the **Capt. Al** in the bay Saturday and the skipper loaded up with excellent catches of flounder for his fares. With things back to normal Sunday and fishing the T wreck and a couple of other inshore wrecks, some good catches of ling, sea bass and blackfish were made. Thursday and Friday saw good catches also, particularly on blackfish. Many doubles of sea bass were hoisted with the skipper's wife indulging. There have also been odd catches of blues, fluke and pollock during the week by fares. The boat is starting night bluefishing at 7Pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for now. See ad for details.

A call from **Anthony's Fishing Station** told of Stan and crew on the Miss G hoisting 46 good flounder in the State Channel Sunday between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges on an incoming tide using clam and worm. An old customer by the name of Carl Frey who comes from NYC by train caught 12 fluke and 8 fluke on two separate days this week all in the Fundy Bay area on killies. Mixed bags of fluke, flounder and blackfish are being brought in by the rental skiffs.

A couple of sharks have made their presence known advised Lou Stalker of **Lou's Fishing Station** on Woodcleft Canal, but as a happy bonus loads of big bluefish kept the shark fishermen happy and occupied. These fish are

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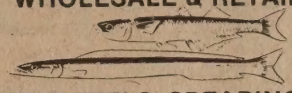
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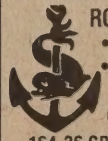
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A little to the south of **Freeport** in **Pt. Lookout** we hear from the charter boat **Marie III** of Friday's busman's holiday fishing two miles southeast of Cholera with three anglers slaughtering 1-5 lb. bluefish. Over 70 fish went into the box and over 100 were dropped on the light spinning gear and small diamonds. Fish were on the surface under working birds. Sunday's charter had a fair pick of fluke in Jones Inlet and Reynolds Channel with a 20 percent keeper ratio under very heavy boat traffic conditions.

The **Miss Point Lookout** advised that this week when the fluking was hot it was super, but that not everyday was hot. Tuesday's AM trip saw Barbara and Hank with 17 fluke. Wednesday's AM trip saw 15 keepers for Eric Olsen. On Thursday's AM trip "Double-header" Sam racked up 20 keeper fluke but Harry Wolf of Rockaway grabbed the pool. Thursday's PM trip saw a 4 lb. fluke take the pool for Ray Hoeppner. On Friday's AM trip Kevin Doland took the pool. Saturday's AM trip saw 9-year-old Ray Raznkiewicz with a pool winning fish while on Saturday's Pm trip which was perhaps the best

Glenn and Bill Ophoff of Ridgewood had 60 flounder to 2.14 lbs. fishing the flats bordering Reynold's Channel. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

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trip of the week, Bill and Sue packed away 30 keepers. Matt Marcus of Oceanside had the pool fish and 25 fares totalled 265 keepers. Sunday's AM trip had William Rodriguez with a 6 lb. pool winning fluke. Sunday's PM trip was slower due to heavy boat traffic. Jones Inlet has been best with sand eels, spearing and belly all working. First of the flood has been best, followed by the end of the tide.

We hear from the **Capt. Bill** of some very good fluking this week which last from Thursday thru the weekend. On Thursday Jim Bonner of Baldwin had 12 keepers and Rich Nelson of Valley Stream packed away 14 keeper fluke. Friday's AM trip had Ron Sottile with 20 keepers. High hook on the weekend was in the teens. The AM trips have been best this week with the right tides being incoming. Jones Inlet was the spot and spearing worked best.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** we learned that Reynolds Channel fluking has been fair to good for the week, particularly from the Inlet buoy 15 to Reynold Channel's buoy 16. Some fluke are being trolled in the flats now also. Blackfishing has been very good at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek bridges as well as at the jetties. Fiddlers and greenies have been best. Flounder plentiful at the Meadowbrook bridge, particularly on both side of the center spans and at the CG station. Many 2 lbers. being caught.

The word from the **Commodore** out of **Island Park** is that both Jones Inlet and Debs are producing well on different stages of the tide. Catches were better during the week with fares averaging 12 keepers a man. Heavy boat traffic on Sunday hamp-

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We hear from Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** of the very good fluke catches in Jones Inlet and Reynolds on the weekend and during the week. Cocktail blues are also being taken outside of the inlets on tins or umbrellas once they are located. BCCs have increased dramatically through the bays on the weekend especially in the Baldwin area.

We hear from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in **E. Rockaway** of the especially strong flounder catches made thru Sunday in Reynolds Channel off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club on worms and clam. A lot more fluke midget this past week.

Further to the west the report from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is that nice scores of fluke have been made in Reynolds and Debs Inlet with the best being buoys 9 and 10 in Debs. Tom Whitman and Don Wulff hoisted 20 keeper fluke to 4½ lbs. on killies along with 12 cocktail blues on incoming tide. Four to 7 lb. blues were fished off Playland Sunday by a number of private boats who got in on the action. Fiddlers are taking blackfish at the bridges, while flounder are still hot at buoys 5 and 9. Sharpies at Debs are getting lots of big flounder.

Further west at **Atlantic Beach** we learn fromk Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** that night bass fishing has taken a dip until the next moon (hopefully). The May moon was better than average, so keep your fingers crossed. Ron says the bluefishing this week has been from super to super excellent from the west end of Rockaway to the NY Bight and along south Jersey. A very occasional weakfish has been mixed in. The fluking has been good in the NY Bight and should last the summer, especially in the Ambrose Channel area. The keeper ratio seems to increase every day.

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Reynolds Reef Fishing Station in Atlantic Beach reports flounder fishing remains very strong off the Magnolia Blvd. Pier, buoy 5 and on the north side of Reynolds Channel across from the Long Beach firehouse on worms. Excellent blackfishiing at both ends of the AB bridge, the Silver Point Jetty and off Riis Park jetties. Nice sized fluke are being caught between buoys 8 and 10 on killies and on sand eels and spearing. Buoy 4 in the ocean has been producing a lot of sea bass on small wrecks in the area. These fish are running 1-2 lbs.

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oz. blue caught by Vince Slikas off the 92nd St. Rockaway jetty Friday night on a mackerel chunk on the flood. Tom Lee, Jr. of Belle Harbor scored with 20 flounder to 2.2 at Rockaway Inlet on red dyed clam. The north and south channel bridges are producing mainly blackfish but also a few fluke and flounder as well. Some very small porgies in very large quantities are being caught in Silver HOle which is located between the south channel bridge and the trestle.

From **J-Bay Boat Rentals** we are told that the flounder have fallen way off but that some nice blackfish are hitting on blood worms from buoys 15 and 16 at Silver Hole. The Hole and NW Point have been giving up very good eel catches on blooddworms.

From the **Sheepshead Bay** area we hear from the open boat **Zephyr** that thru Friday there was excellent fluking in the area of the Tin Can Grounds and both sides of Ambrose Channel. Fares averaged 25-30 keepers a man with 5¾ lbs. the largest of the week. Saturday's catches were only fair in the PM with the big heave on. On Sunday, fares picked away with the heave still having an effect. Nonetheless, fares managed to average 10-14 fish a man. Captain Butch says catches will pick up again once the water settles. Both tides have been working in different areas and there are lots of fluke around. Sand eels and spearing have been best and there seems to be loads of bait in the water.

Fluking has been pretty good for the **Dorothy B VII** also and with the right drift catches are excellent. On Monday, Ruth, a regular, took the pool with an 8 lb. fluke. Fish are averaging 1½ lbs. and there are very few midgets. Catches have been local at Tin Can, Ambrose and on special edges. Sand eels, spearing and fluke belly are all working. Please note that the boat is also sailing 4:30 PM, Friday, Saturday and Sundays. See ad for details.

Captain John's charter boat **Thermoclime** had 3 to 5 lb. blues Sunday which were found spread out on the Tin Can. Fish hit diamonds in the AM and umbrellas in the PM. Black and off-white seem to produce best. Lots of patches of fish, said John and blackfish remain a good bet on most of the wrecks as well on fiddlers and green crabs. John also said he has a few choice dates still open for the '83 season. See ad for details.

Aboard the **Flamingo III** there was good bluefishing Saturday all day with fish running 2-4 lbs. on diamonds. Captain Walt said there seems to be an abundance of bluefish and also bait around. Friday AM was also very productive on blues. Some days are picky however perhaps due to the super abundance of bait in the water. Weaks are being taken in the pound nets, but it looks promising that fish will be taken on hook and line very soon.

We learn from Charlie at **Mikes Bait and Tackle** that lots of blacks and

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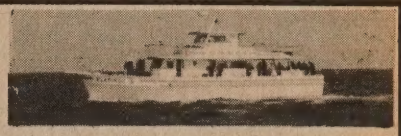

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sea bass to 4 lbs. are being caught by boats working the wrecks at Sandy Hook. Also lots of local fluke and Jersey coast fluke being caught with very few midgets. Blues are now being caught both day and night in close around Ambrose, the Tin Can and Norton's Point. These are 1-5 pounders which are being jigged days and on late PM trips and chummed at night at Norton's Point. Some schoolie bass being plugged in the locality of the VZ bridge while some very small pollock being caught on worms off the Sheepshead Bay piers.

We hear from Lenny at **Santo's Bait and Tackle in State Island** that flounder fishing is about over in his area except for piers 17 and 18 at Stapleton, fish averaging 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. on worms. Fluke picking up at the South Beach and Berger Ave. storm sewers, the entrance to Great Kills Harbor, Arbutus Ave. and Penny Beach with a 50 percent keeper ratio. One to 4 lb. blues from Great Kills Beach on a flooding tide on bunker or mackerel chunks at Princess Bay. Averages are 4-6 fish a man, not including a lot of missed strikes. Try Penny Beach with sand worms for stripers, though these are mostly throwbacks. BCCs have started in Great Kills Harbor.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Generally good flounder fishing still obtains in many locations, but it's overshadowed by a fine blackfish season, and excitement over early porgies, particularly at points east. Activity on big striped bass begins now as well, and the weakfish run on the Sound is expected to be a good one again.

Rough weather periods on Saturday riled many waters, but Sunday seemed like a fine one for small craft, and numbers of boats on bays and the Sound were excessive.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** reported a pick of mackerel off Matinecock with most anglers pulling 20-30 fish and a few large catches as well. In Larchmont and other local areas most bottom anglers have made the switch to blackfish and fish to 4 pounds are the norm on crabs.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** told us that most tautog fishermen were now using crabs with some fishing clams. Blackfish were in 20-30' depths off the

CBS tower and **Hart's**. Party boats were working on mackerel off Execution and the A Buoy. Some early porgies and a lot of flounder were also reported.

Joe Ferrara of the **Ebb Tide III** from City Island found mackerel on Sunday in mid-Sound off Lloyds and pulled a number ranging from 10 fish per rod all the way to full pails for a capacity crowd. Joe likes to chum the macs on top but small boats often come in right on top of the slick. Ferrara expects to stay with the macs as long as they are in the area.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** also called to say that the flounder action was holding up well with beautiful numbers all the way from 15 to 25 per person and most fish in the range from ¾ of a pound up. There were plenty of blackfish plus a few porgies on hard bottoms outside Oyster Bay, Center Island and Bayville.

The **North Star** was also in the Bayville area for tautog and flounder and explored the Norwalk Islands on a couple of weekday trips last week.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Early weaks and cocktail blues are showing already in the Huntington area according to **Four Winds** and to Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's**. There wre some good dawn and dusk flurries off Caumsett and Orchard Beach for those fishing Tri Fin Eel Worms and Rebels. Lou and Fran Poltanis pulled 30 tautog to 7 pounds in to **Huntinton Prop**, rounding out that picture. Blackfish and flounder action was good as well.

LIF subscriber Ken Lee shows the 9 lb. 10 oz. blackfish that he landed aboard a friend's boat off of Eaton's Neck.

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Sutler's in **Port Jefferson** reported a catch of 5 blues to 3 pounds off buoy 9 along with spotty porgy fishing on scup to 2 pounds off Crane's Neck. There were still plenty of flounder in Conscience Bay but sizes were small. The **Caraftis Fishing Station** filled in details on superb blackfish angling off Oldfield and Crane's all day on all tides. The best bait seemed to be small bay skimmers with yellow meat. Sea bass to 2 pounds plus some early porgies were mixed with bottom catches. John Dimou took a 3 pound porgy plus a 5½ pound tautog to the station for weighing. Both lukers were taken off buoy 11 on fiddlers.

According to Tim Caraftis mackerel fishing dropped off completely after Friday and flounder are pretty well gone. However, there were encouraging catches of small weaks and blues to 3 pounds off buoy 11 and a catch of fluke off Mount Misery Point by an angler bucktailing for bass.

Ralph's Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** weighed a career porgy for Mr. Vasquez; the scup was a 4 pound monster. Ralph Davenport saw some blackfish and a few flatties on Sunday, too.

On the open boat scene, Nona Collins reported excellent blackfishing on the **Ever Ready** over the weekend with sharpies pulling pails of fish to 7 pounds. The weekend warriors descending on the scene on Sunday made life somewhat difficult, however, the tautog were in fairly shallwo water off Eatons on the mussel beds.

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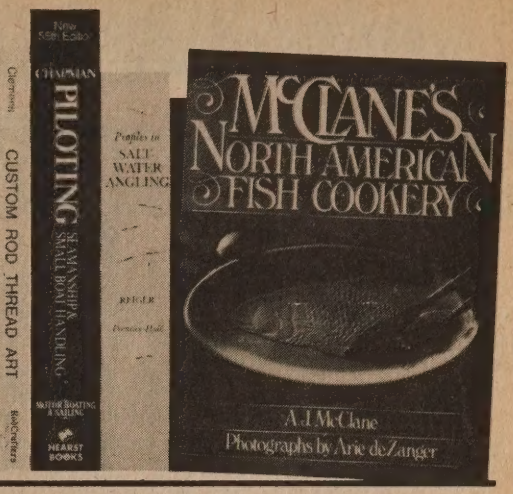

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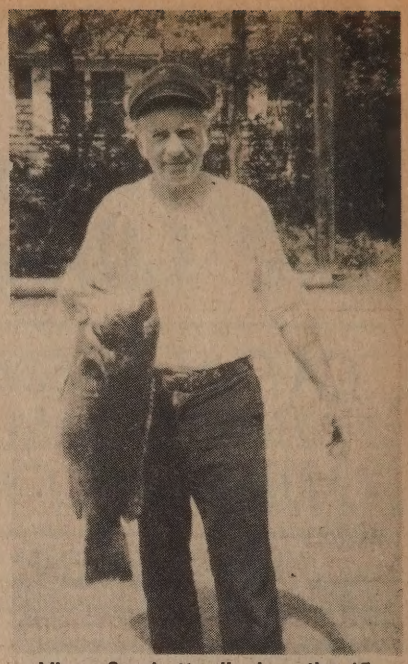

Vinny Sombatto displays the 15 lb. 5 oz. blackfish that he landed at the Brickyard while weakfishing. He and a friend also had seven weaks. Photo courtesy of Noyac Marina.

fish showing signs of blindness or cateracts (clouded corneas). Although most of these weaks are taken commercially rather than by hook and line, some hook and line catches have also been reported. Heads should not be frozen. Specimens will be sent down to the NMFS lab in Oxford, MD for analysis.

Warren's did report loads of bluefish in the Bay, fish of "cocktail" or "shot" sizes. Try Kastmasters on these fish.

Captain Marty's was happy about the tons of porgies of mixed sizes from pins to jumbos down on the Middle Grounds. Those with chum pots seem to be catching all day long. A few weaks were reported from the South Race as well, but "old time porgy fishing" is the song sung by Phil Loria.

The **Mattituck Fishing Station** saw a lot of blackfish to 12½ pounds last week, according to Liz Caraftis. Average fish are 3-4 pounds, with the Tower and Coopers the hot spots for most livery skiffs. Those with a yen to travel are still working the pipe at Northville.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** said that flounder fishing was still excellent in Petty's with a lot of small blackfish in the area. Because of the porgy run on the Bay, no one was really looking for scup on the Sound.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** reported one catch of 6 weaks and a load of bluefish aboard the **Brand X** on an excellent night trip. The big boat is carrying well and also doing a number on the daytime porgies. Ron Greeley has

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accounted for the first big bass of the season in the shop, and blackfish off the Sound beaches are abundant.

The **Prime Time II** and the **Blue Albatross** are staying onthe Gardiner's flounder, but John Rainis, skipper of the latter, tells us that the fish seem to be smaller and smaller, indicating a pattern influx. A little blackfishing around Plum Island turned up a mess of 3½-4 poiund tautog with top fish around 6 pounds.

John Duggan started porgy fishing on Thursday with the **Peconic Star** and figured that Saturday morning's blow with winds to 60 mph riled things up, putting a relative slowdown on Sunday's action. Still, until small boat traffic interfered, the open boat had a good catch of pins to jumbos from the Middle Grounds.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Well, first things first.

My apologies to Richie Manna of Wantagh who, according to last week's Surf Report, "beached one of the largest weaks to come from the south shore surf in recent memory. The cause for apologizing, as I'm sure many readers noticed, was the omission of the weight of Richie's huge tiderunner. Many suggested I omitted the weak's vital statistic just to keep everyone in suspense. Unfortunately, such was not the case. So without further adieu, put on the scale at Noel Kappauf's **Captree Bait Station**, the big weak checked in at a very impressive 16 lbs.

While we are on old news, a generous report received too late for publication last week from Vincent Badame, should still provide some encouragement for Metropolitan area surfmen. Working the jetties between Ft. Tilden and Far Rockaway on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights (two weeks ago), Vince and a friend accounted for bass of 10, 12, 17, 17, 18, 19½, 22 and 25 pounds. All were taken on jointed Giant Pikies painted black with a yellow belly (a la Cape Cod) during incoming water.

Moving on to some more curent surf action, the past week provided some casters with their first serious action of the season.

On the south shore, Noel Kappauf of **Captree Bait Station**, put a 33.10 lb. striper on the scale Sunday afternoon for Fred Gobel of Wheatley Heights who celebrated his "first cast" of the '83 season with the big cow. The fish was taken at mid-afternoon under a bright sun at Cedar Beach and swalloed a tin. Tom O'Connor of North Babylon checked a weak of 9.5 pounds at the shop the same day. Tom took the fish in the early AM at Robert Moses. Small blues come and go at the Sore Thumb with most fish in the 2-4 pound range.

Blues of similar size were in and out of both Moriches and Shinnecock Inlets this past week and weekend according to Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue.** Paul knew of good scores made by casters morning and evenings from the east side of Moriches and the West side of Shinnecock. Tin was accounting for nearly all of the action. One caster had a mess of fish in front of the Smith Point Pavilion. Nick Anello took fish nearly every morning last week working from the jetty on Moriche's east side. Richie Herpfer showed Paul 6 small blues that he took on Red-Gill droppers at Miller Place one evening last week. No word of bass or weaks in that area though

Out in **Montauk**, there was a showing of good size stripers but catching them was another matter. According to John Kronuch Jr. of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**, "tons of small bait has made the fish tough, but not impossible to catch. Tommy Sepp came through again with fish of 27 and 33 pounds while Joey Bragan Sr. coaxed a 25 pounder through the wash. Plenty of big fish were in evidence rolling in bait on Thursday and Friday evenings. Both of Sepp's fish were taken on 7½" RedFins despite the preponderance of small bait.

Up on the North Shore, word was obviously out as a horde of casters descended on Caumsett State Park. Before we go any further, a reminder that access to the park is gained only by a special permit obtained through a lottery drawing back in January. It should be noted that this permit requirement is strictly enforced. Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Tackle Shop** in **Huntington** spoke of lots of fish and bait along the Lloyd Point shore and while casters go in some good innings with big weaks, small blues and an occasional bass, the fish were difficult to catch at times. Small blues dominated the catches over the weekend but there were a fair number of weaks, including a 13¼ pounder taken. Largest bass of the week was a 20 pounder with a couple of fish in the low teens taken as well. TriFin eelworms and small floating Rebels with Red Gill droppers have been accounting for most of the fish. "Tor" and Joan Torkelsen culled two weaks to 11 lbs. out of the blues Sunday evening on black eel worms.

In **Rocky Point**, Stan Henschal of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that despite hordes of bait, the only game in town has been some small blues in the Miller Place-Sound Beach area.

The first cow bass of the season for the North Fork fell to Chris Meyer late Saturday night, according to Ed Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Shop** in Aquebogue. The 40% lb. striper was taken around 1AM from a local beach. Ed said that beaches in the area have otherwise been quiet.

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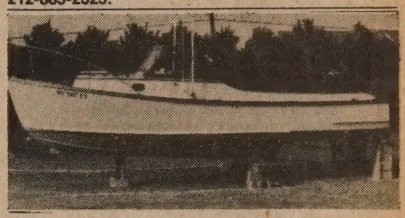

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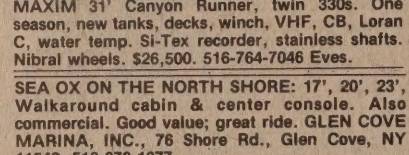

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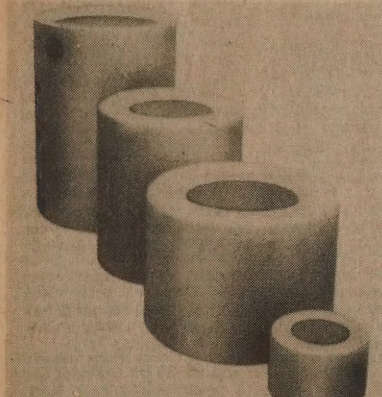

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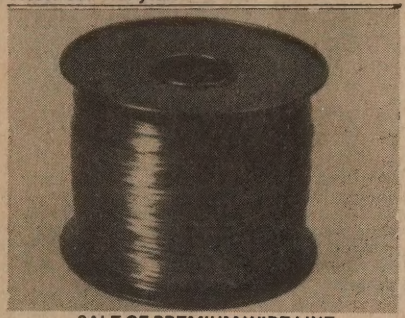

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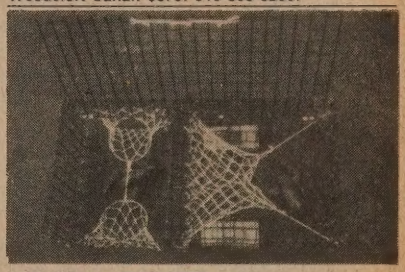

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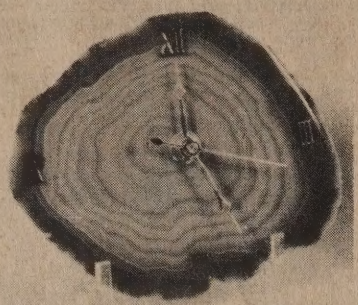

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:05	7:25	7:45	8:10	7:35	7:55	8:35	8:45	10:20	10:30	10:25	10:40	7:00	7:20	6/9
FRI.	7:55	8:10	8:30	8:55	8:25	8:40	9:20	9:30	11:05	11:20	11:10	11:25	7:50	8:10	6/10
SAT.	8:45	8:55	9:20	9:40	9:15	9:30	10:10	10:20	—	12:00	—	12:05	8:35	8:55	6/11
SUN.	9:30	9:45	10:10	10:30	10:05	10:20	11:00	11:10	12:10	12:50	12:15	12:55	9:25	9:45	6/12
MON.	10:25	10:40	11:00	11:25	11:05	11:20	11:55	—	1:00	1:45	1:10	1:45	10:20	10:40	6/13
TUES.	11:25	11:35	—	12:00	—	12:05	12:05	12:50	1:55	2:45	2:00	2:40	11:10	11:35	6/14
WED.	—	12:25	12:20	1:00	12:20	1:05	1:05	1:50	2:55	3:50	3:00	3:40	—	12:10	6/15
THURS.	12:35	1:20	1:20	2:00	1:20	2:05	2:05	2:55	4:00	5:05	4:00	4:40	12:35	1:10	6/16

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/9	5:25	8:34
FRI. 6/10	5:24	8:35
SAT. 6/11	5:24	8:35
SUN. 6/12	5:24	8:36
MON. 6/13	5:24	8:36
TUE. 6/14	5:24	8:36
WED. 6/15	5:24	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/9	4:18AM	6:52PM
FRI. 6/10	4:56AM	8:05PM
SAT. 6/11	5:43AM	9:16PM
SUN. 6/12	6:39AM	10:20PM
MON. 6/13	7:45AM	11:15PM
TUE. 6/14	8:58AM	—
WED. 6/15	10:12AM	12:01AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/11	6/17	6/25	6/3

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:50	10:00	4:10	10:30
Fri.	4:45	10:50	5:00	11:20
Sat.	5:35	11:50	6:00	—
Sun.	6:35	12:20	7:05	12:55
Mon.	7:40	1:30	8:25	2:05
Tues.	9:00	2:40	9:25	3:10
Wed.	9:55	3:45	10:30	4:15
Thurs.	10:55	4:45	11:30	5:15

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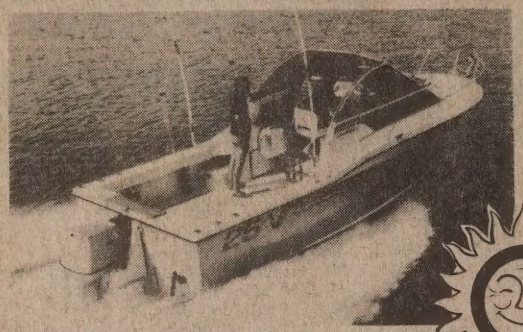

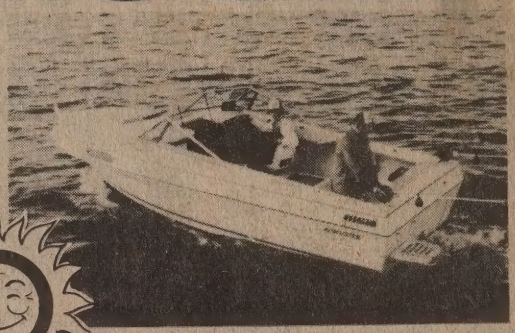

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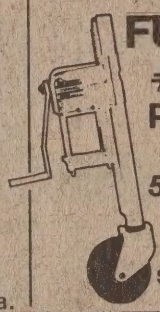

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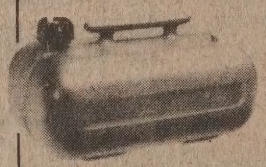

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